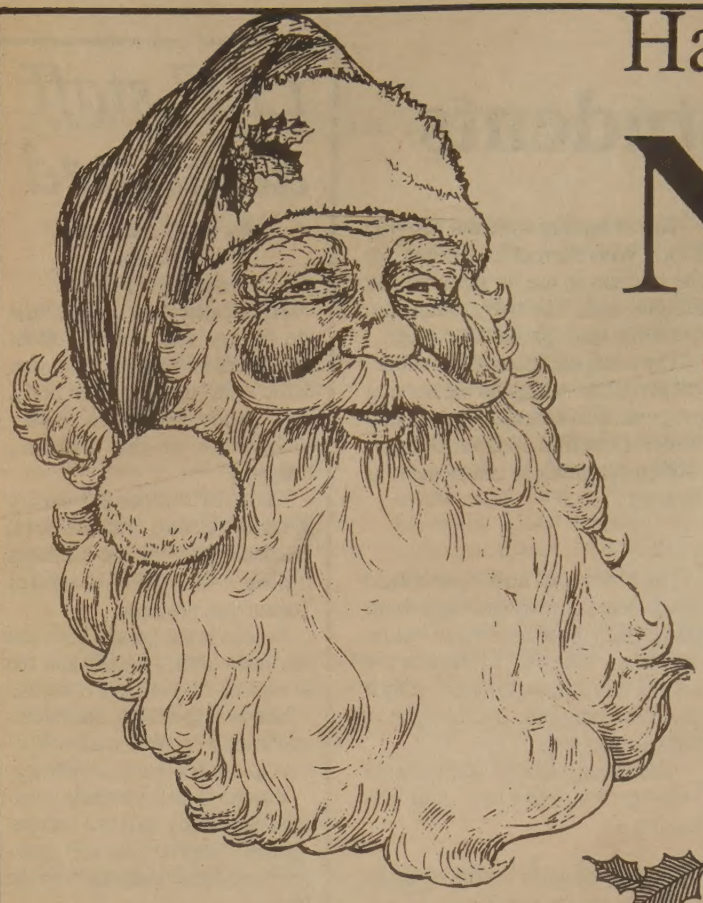

Happy Holidays!

NIAGARA NEWS

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Christmas Edition

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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Another president resigns from council

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Bernie Kurek, 29, has resigned as the Student Administrative Council (SAC) president effective Nov. 25.

Jason Graham, 25, SAC's vice-president executive, is the new president. Graham is a second-year Journalism-Print program student.

Kurek says he left for personal reasons.

"I have enjoyed the challenge of this position this year, however, I can no longer devote the amount of time that I have been and I feel giving anything less would be contrary to my own personal standards," he says.

"I also feel that there is a difference between myself and council regarding several major issues.

"For me, holding this office means a high standard of integrity and honesty . . . also striving as a student body towards an academic excellence for which Niagara College should be recognized," says Kurek.

Graham says he is happy to be president, but not about how he became president.

"We are sorry to lose Bernie as president, but I am pleased to be the leader of the student council," he says.

"It makes me sad to have someone leave SAC," says Lou Dimattio, assistant director of student life and success. "Bernie resigned for personal reasons."

Kurek, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, resigned at a SAC meeting held Nov. 23.

"I must commend SAC on the 'great job' they are doing and I can only see good things for the students in the future," says Kurek.

Graham says he would like to have photo idenitification cards for students and provide more services for Continuing Education students.

"We will still continue what we are doing, providing non-alcoholic programs and services for the students."

"I am confident that I will fulfil my role as Student Council president and by making sure I do my best to meet the needs of the students," says Graham.

"Honesty and integrity are a big part of any corporation, and I hope that some is found in this SAC and others to come in the future. These are not words said because of bitterness, but how I feel and what I experienced," says Kurek.

Good education critical

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Niagara College President John Saso says "it is critical" to get a good education.

Saso welcomed members of the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA) on Nov. 25.

"Post-secondary education should not be just for the rich, but for everyone," he told about 55 members attending the OCCSPA conference at Niagara College last weekend.

About 40 per cent of the students who apply to college have a non-high school entry and come directly from the workforce, he told the conference, which was meeting at the Student Centre at the Welland campus.

Saso says, of the jobs created last year, about 19 per cent were created by individuals with a post-secondary education.

About 30,000 students with university-education backgrounds come to Ontario colleges, but only 6,000 students with college backgrounds go to universities, the Niagara College president says.

"You are not competing for jobs with fellow colleges, but you are competing for jobs with people from throughout the world."

Ontario were represented at the conference.

David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president of academics, addressed the OCCSPA members about student power.

"We need you to make the loop (of education) strong and close it. We need to communicate better and serve our learners in Ontario."

Saso says students are playing an active roll and becoming "our teachers."

The Student Centre (After Hours) is a "very inviting place" for students, says Saso. "Students are proud of the centre and justifiably so."

"David Rapejle, manager at the Student Centre, has done a great job. He has made the place more inviting for Niagara students," says Saso.

"The centre is user-friendly for the students," he says. "We are trying to make more inviting places for our students. We hope in the future as we build the new campus that it will have a Student Centre just like this one."

OCCSPA represents more than 138,000 college students in Ontario.

Jason Graham, 25, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, and a second-year Journalism-Print program student, represents Niagara College on OCCSPA.

Ho Ho Ho! Were you a good student this year?

Santa Claus greets all the good boys and girls, and listens to their requests for good grades and new cars. Santa is busy visiting area malls and making his list, he's checking it twice, he's gonna know if you've been naughty or nice, so you better be on your best behavior because there are only 23 days left before he makes his visit.

Photo by Gordon Hill

Library is 'main source' for students

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

It is a small, unique, specialized library that is offered to the nursing students and students of Niagara College.

The Library Resource Centre at the Mack Nursing campus in St. Catharines is a "main source" for nursing students.

"The library here at the campus is close and friendly," says Charlotte Boyd, a library technician for the Mack Nursing campus.

The library has two technician assistants on staff. Irene Masun works during the day and Jane Foster works from 4 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Masun was a former x-ray technician. She says this helps her when students come with difficult medical questions.

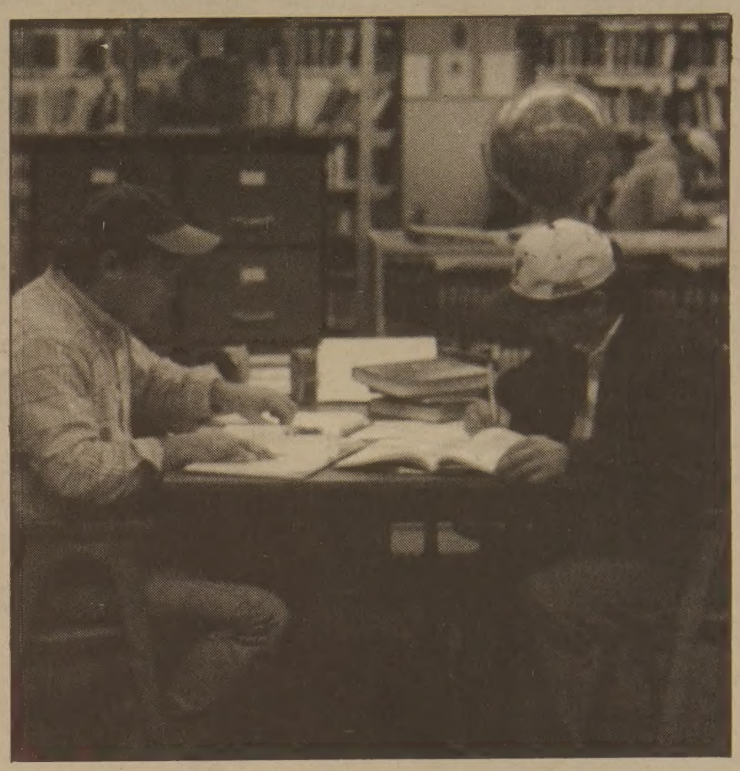
The library is open from 8:15 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday. On Fridays it is open from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boyd says it is nice to be open 12 hours a day. It is "very helpful" to the students.

"Because of the late hours it has improved statistics," she says.

The director of nursing purchased two computers for the resource centre. The director of nursing budget is separate from the library's budget.

The library purchased the Wordperfect program with the computers coming from the budget of the director of nursing.



Libraries welcome students to help them with their studies. The libraries are always willing to give a hand. Two students are working hard at their studies.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

The computer systems provide DOS, WordPerfect and Lotus for the students to use for research and assignments. The two systems are available throughout the college.

The computer consists of different programs related to the nursing program. For example the nursing students can find all kinds of information on medical issues such as biology.

The library has three specialized touch screen programs that were purchased by the nursing division. The Mack Nursing Library is the only library to have the touch screen programs out of the five libraries at Niagara College.

The library has an audio visual viewing room and a new audio collection.

"Audio visual is becoming more important to the nursing students," says Boyd.

Masun says the hospitals have access to the library and they use the same database as the college.

""The automated system that is coming will be a useful tool because of audio visual becoming so important for our nursing students," says Boyd, adding the library is a specialized "very resourceful place" for students and staff.

Night shift the right shift for LRC staff

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

They provide a friendly smile and warm service.

The Library Resource Centre (LRC) night staff at the Welland campus are ready to help any student with a problem or concern.

"It is difficult during the day to give the students what they need because your time is so limited, but at night you have more time to spend with the student," says Nicky Brochu, an evening supervisor library technician.

Brochu supervises the operations of the evenings and she works all floors of the library. She gives small tasks to the students who work at the library and assists students with direct questions or problems.

She has worked part time since 1983. Her hours are from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

"It is nice working at night, and it also gives me a good feeling to help students on a one-to-one level," says Brochu.

'...it...gives me a good feeling to help students on a one-to-one basis' -Nicky Brochu

She says there are many more responsibilties at night, but "I can spend more time with the students. I miss working with the day staff."

Lindsey Kidd, 20, the library clerk, recently became a member of staff at the beginning of November.

She works Monday to Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. She graduated from the Library and Information Technician program last year from Sheridan College in Oakville.

Kidd provides reference assistance and checks overdue books.

"I enjoy the job and working with staff. It is very rewarding to finally find a job in the field that I love," she says.

Sarah Wright has been working as a library assistant for the past year and a half. She work Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wright put books in proper order and assists students as best she can.

"Working at the library is lots of fun and putting books away is very relaxing after a long school day," she says.

Brochu says resources are much more available at night for students. For example, computers and certain magazine articles are more readily available for students.

"I do my best to provide the best service for the students and I go out of my way to help the students," says Brochu.

LRC staff dedicated

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

The quality and service that the library staff delivers from such a remote area, shows "great dedication" to the student body, says Sandy Brooks, a library technician at the Welland Campus.

The Horticultural Library Resource Centre is small, but it is specialized for the students taking the Horticultural Technician program.

Brooks is the liaison between the horticultural library and the library at the Welland campus.

She is responsible for development, reference and collection to the horticultural library.

Brooks orders journals, periodicals and any requests for specialized material. She will transfer the information down to the library.

"I have contact with other libraries as a source of information, for example, the Guelph University library and the Vineland Research Centre," Brooks said.

The library has less than 1,000 books and 15 magazines. The library is also open to the public.

The community can purchase a community user card and this card can be used at all the satellite campuses. This card is used at all the libraries on each campus.

The library will have one terminal set-up for students to have access to the automated system.

"The system will enable us to work more closely with the horticultural library," says Brooks.

She says the library has a collection of books relating to the field of horticulture.

"The field itself doesn't change, but the techniques of the program does," says Brooks.

Linda Woefl, the library technician, works two hours each day from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Students are requesting longer hours at the horticultural library, Brooks says. The staff is trying "very hard" to meet the needs of the horticultural library.

Library offers a 'unique' selection

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

This library is "user friendly" and self-directed for Niagara College students, says Ken Salway, a library technician at the Hospitality and Tourism (HTC) campus in Niagara Falls.

The Library Resource Centre has been open since 1989 and it is specialized for Hospitality and Tourism programs.

The hours of the library are from 8:15 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday and on Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Janet Holden and Sandra Szeman are graduates from the Library Technician program at Niagara College.

Holden works during the day and Szeman works at night.

Salway says the extended hours are meeting the needs of the students. He says there is "great communication between us" and the student body.

The library has six computer units connected to HT7. The computer system offer WordPerfect, Lotus, database and other specialized programs.

The library also provides journals and periodicals related to the three programs at the campus. The library also has more than 500 videos.

Salway says this is an advantage to the students and faculty.

"We offer a 'very unique' collection of books, for example, ethnic cookbooks for specialized cooking recipes," he says, adding the library is pleased about working co-operatively with their budget and with the public library's budget.

"Patrons can enjoy what we have and we can enjoy what the public libraries have to offer," says Salway.

HTC is oriented to people and the library reflects that kind of lifestyle, he says.

"Students are the biggest change to the library. In the five years I' ve been here, it has been a human change not a technology change."

He says somedays the library feels like a hotel. "Students come and go, but everything stays the same."

CORRECTION

A sentence in the Nov. 18 edition of the Niagara News (Volume 26, No. 5) should have stated that the Royal Canadian Legion donated $26 million nationwide. The Niagara News apologizes for the error.

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Continuing education for the dental community

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

Continuing education is not new, but the James Sim Institute (JSI) at Niagara College is.

The JSI is continuing education for the dental community in Southern Ontario.

Annette Schulz is the development officer of this new resource.

Schulz said she started her job in August 1994 "and finds a very positive response to the Sim Institute from the dental community."

Before JSI was started, people in the dental community had to travel to Toronto or Buffalo for continuing dental education, said Schulz.

The JSI is running courses every month for the different dental professions and hopes to run a course every week once they get it going, said Schulz, adding they have some good speakers coming to give lectures on various topics.

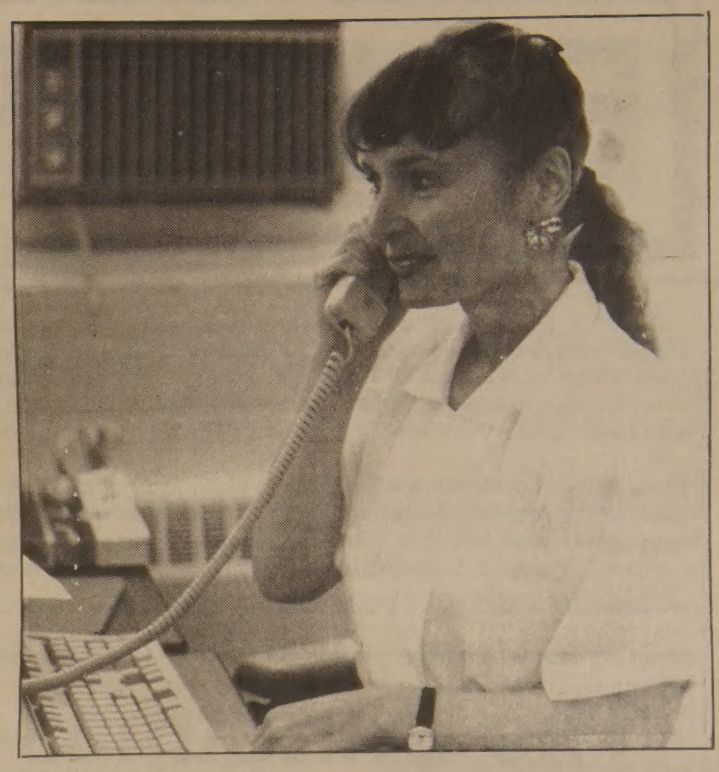
"We are governed by an advisory council and there are representatives from each of those groups (dentists, dental hygiene, dental assistants, dental technologists and technicians) on the advisory council," said Schulz.

There are several representatives to give ideas as to what their group would like to see.

Four members of the dental programs at Niagara College are on the advisory council. They are Dr. Ted Henderson, dental consultant to all dental programs, Marilyn Goulding, a registered dental hygienist, Carole Ono, dental hygiene program co-ordinator and Billie Atkinson, co-ordinator of the dental assistant program.

The JSI has received approval of its courses from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and the Academy of General Dentistry and other relevant governing bodies for qualification of its courses, said a mission statement from the JSI.

Schulz said the JSI is a profit centre within the college and is operated as a business.



Annette Schulz working at her desk.
Photo by Victoria Beck

Repar new director for International Students

By GORDANA PIRKER
and WILLY NOILES
Staff Writers

George Repar has been appointed the new director for international students, replacing former director Dennis Malone.

Repar, who has been with Niagara College for 26 years, will also remain director of the Ventures Program at the St. Catharines campus.

College President John Saso said the college is "refining our organizational structure to keep ahead of changes in educational training and funding."

Repar said his new position is "not entirely new."

"I was directly involved during the formation of the international students back in 1985 and 1986," Repar said.

During the primary stages of setting up the international student base, Repar headed the planning, research and development department as director during the informative stages in the mid 1980s.

Saso said Repar was one of the first people to establish linkage with the Chinese and Middle Eastern projects.

"George is a well-respected individual in the international education field with an extensive international background," Saso said.

Repar said the two positions compliment each other.

"The responsibity transfered is very complimentary to me. Joint Ventures has a partnership with local and provincial governments as well as dealing with other institutions."

In his role as director for International Studies, Malone set up several international deals world wide. The most recent international deal was with Dae-Hae Nursing Institution in Seoul, Korea, on Nov. 11. The deal will see 100 Korean students attending Niagara College each year.

Malone remains with Niagara College and is currently exploring a number of different options, Saso said.

"Dennis did a fine job under some difficult assignments," Saso emphasized.

Combining Ventures with International Ventures allows the college to take Repar's experience with Ventures and offer that to the international market, Saso said.

Repar said he plans to generate more interest with the internal and external community strengthening international expansion.

"Our college seems to be strategically important in the Middle East and eastern Europe. We want to strengthen or initiate more projects."

Working with the corporate world, Repar said he is hoping to form more of a partnership with companies "that have gone on an international mission" and secure further negotiations.

"It's a dimension we will explore."

"I have a new level of responsiblities and look forward to the combined portfolio."

Repar said he wants to include the college community and rollover ideas with internal staff to "broaden the base of participation" with international students.

Thinking of starting a business?

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

With the Running Start program at Niagara College, individuals who wish to start businesses can pick up some helpful hints.

The course, which runs one evening and one full day, totalling 10 1/2 hours, deals with topics such as writing a business plan, advertising, self assessment and marketing.

"We get a lot of calls from people who want to start their own businesses and because this course addresses their immediate concerns, it helps them get off on the right foot," said Steve Stunt of the Niagara College Innovation Centre in St. Catharines.

At the end of the program, individuals will receive a letter of completion, which can be presented at a bank when applying for a loan. The letter doesn't guarantee loan approval, but helps the individual choose the bank best suited for their business and explains what specifications are needed for the bank to consider your loan application.

Stunt said they've received good support from all Niagara area banks.

Running Start has a course fee of $75 and takes place every month.

For more information, please contact the Niagara College Innovation Centre at (905) 684-4315, ext. 2429.

The grinch who stole tickets

Semi-formal tickets and money missing

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

An envelope containing 76 Christmas semi-formal tickets and $150 in cash has been missing since Nov. 25.

The tickets and cash are missing from After Hours.

"It's kind of a bad situation," said Jason Leonard, 21, one of the Business Administation program students organizing the event.

"I feel very burned. I'm upset that students would do something like that," said Jon Klassen, 22, a Business Administration program student who is also involved in the planning of the semi-formal.

Anyone who has information about the tickets should contact Dave Rapelje at After Hours.

The numbers of the stolen tickets are 616 through to 655 and 680 to 715.

Leonard said SAC has been "very supportive and very professional," throughout the seven weeks of planning for the event.

The Christmas semi-formal is being held at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls tonight from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Tickets are $40 each or $75 a pair.

"Students with stolen tickets will not be admitted into the event," said Leonard.

The band *Blind Mice* has been cancelled because of lack of student response.

Resumes ready in two days

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Do you need your resume professionally done? Is money an issue?

The Co-operative Education and Career Services department has been offering resume printing and typing service for the last year.

"It is a good, inexpensive service for students to use. We can have the resumes ready in two days," said Leo Tiberi, manager of the co-operative education and career service.

For students who have their resumes on disk and just want the co-op office to print it on quality paper, the service costs 50 cents a copy. Co-op students get the first five copies free.

For students who require typing and printing of their resume, it costs $7 a page. Cover letters cost $4. The first three copies are included in the fee. Co-op students get 10 copies.

"With the job market being as competitive as it is, it is critical that students have professional looking resumes," said Tiberi.

Tiberi said the service is available to all students, including full-time, part-time, continuing education, grads, alumni and clients from Ventures.

Tiberi said all college staff are welcome to use the system.

The co-operative education and career services department is in the Tecumseh extension across from the mini-cafeteria.

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The Christmas crunch!

Every year, millions of people around the world pull out their Christmas decorations and cookie sheets.

Fighting the crowds in the department stores, arguing with the family at home and feeling pressure at work or school, it's no wonder some of us begin to feel stressed.

Unfortunately, we take out our frustration on those around us, such as families, friends and co-workers. I'm sure those around us are probably feeling the Christmas crunch as well, and in turn, they snap back at us. I'm sure you're probably sitting there, right now, agreeing with me and thinking of someone's head you've bitten off lately.

Don't worry. This too shall pass. When exams start creeping up on you and you can't seem to find that perfect Christmas gift, relax. Take some time out to clear your head and figure out a game plan. Try to find a workable solution which suits your needs, but also try to compromise. Whatever you do, just take it easy. The world certainly isn't going to end if your cousin wanted the blue sweater and you bought her the red one, or if you score 75 on that killer exam instead of 90. Christmas only comes once a year, folks. Enjoy it.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Tammy Crocker

Cautions in renting

Many students have problems of one sort or another with their landlord. They usually ask their parents or someone who has rented before to look at the lease or rental agreement. These precautions may not be enough to protect you from financial disaster.

The important thing may not be included in the agreement, such as who is responsible for damages to the property and under which circumstances. The best advice I could give would be to find out from a lawyer which responsibilities belong to the landlord and which belong to the person renting.

This information can be found in the Landlord Tenant Act. As per usual the government has handed down an extremely thorough document that clearly defines who's responsible for what.

Students seem to be excellent targets for the less scrupulous landlords out there. The Act is designed to protect you from being taken advantage of as well as protecting the landlord, use it to protect yourself.

Merry Christmas.

Chris Twose

Letters to editor

Questions answered

Dear Editor:

Earlier this year, I like many other students received Ontario Student Assistance Program, (OSAP) funding to continue my education.

What I did not know was that because the financial aid system required the banks to forward all school fees directly to the college, these financial institutions have been charging back to the student the cost of processing the payment.

I found this charge directly in my bank statement and proceeded to make inquiries. The college will not allow OSAP students to pay directly and they will not cover this additional fee. (The college also charges us a late payment fee even though they know that the banks cannot pay the OSAP out until the first day of class).

After discussing this with Nick Pankratz, manager-branch operations of the Niagara Credit Union, I received a letter stating that the Niagara Credit Union had decided to change the method used to forward payments to the college, thereby eliminating this fee. This decision came within two weeks of my inquiry and will apply to all students that are member/shareholders of and receive their loans through the Niagara Credit Union.

It is my opinion that the quick response to my questions shows that the Niagara Credit Union is personally interested in the success and welfare of the students at Niagara College.

I have no hesitation in suggesting that any student trying to save money and receive excellent service from a financial institution that is interested in them should switch their personal accounts and student loans to the Niagara Credit Union.

They have a branch on Niagara Street which is within walking distance of the college. As well, any of the branches can handle OSAP documents.

Yours truly,
J. Mark Robinson
Electronics Engineering Technology student

What a shame

Dear Editor:

I was completely shocked and dismayed (to say the least) when I heard my good friend, fellow student and the best damn Student Administrative Council (SAC) president during my term at Niagara had resigned!

I honestly don't think my fellow students will ever fully realize the amount of time and personal dedication that Mr. Kurek has devoted to his position.

I realize that Section 31 of the SAC Constitution was the ultimate excuse given for his resignation, but I honestly and personally believe this a sham.

I just hope and pray that these people will do half the job that Bernie did, although I personally doubt very much if they could ever fill his shoes, never mind walk in them.

We will miss you Bernie. Keep your head high!

Dave Staples
Second-year Law and Security Administration program student

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PERSPECTIVES

'Get it together'

By KARIN KEIR
Staff Writer
SOCIAL DISTORTION NO. 4

Since September, your College Council has been trying to, as the Beastie Boys sing, *get it together*. Sadly absolutely *nothing* has been accomplished.

Niagara's College Council was set up six years ago to provide a forum for students and staff to advise the college president. Any problems, conflicts or new ideas, practically anyone affiliated with the college has, can be addressed at these monthly meetings.

The problem plaguing Niagara's College Council is lack of active support. In order for the council to be productive, it needs a quorum of at least half of the voting members present, about 15 people, unless there is a quorum then meetings seem futile as nothing can be decided on and therefore nothing can be resolved.

Listed in the Niagara College Council Constitution are 45 voting members of council. However, at the two meetings council has conducted since classes began in September, only once have enough voting members been present to accomplish anything. At September's meeting quorum was reached, but because new members were supposed to *take office*, so-to-speak, in October, it was decided to reserve all decisions until the October meeting. The October meeting was canceled.

To give credit where credit's due, support staff, (non-voting members affiliated with faculty), have been present with bells on.

Ron Mottola, who now chairs the meetings, held at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month in the staff dining room of the Mackenzie building, has been working diligently to promote attendance and support for council.

Where is President Saso?

Michelle Pugh, past chair to the council, has arrived early for each meeting to rearrange tables and chairs, provide refreshments and offer her support, ideas and time - all to no avail.

Where then are the members? Where is President Saso? Will College Council fold? Does anyone care?

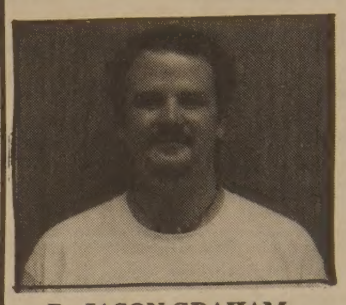
In its six years of existence, Council has proved itself as an effective and productive part of Niagara College. For the last three months, however, they have, *respectfully*, done zip. Perhaps, then, College Council should be laid to rest.

If the voting members continue to miss meetings, sherk the responsibility of finding an alternate and therefore waste everyone's time who did make the effort to come out, what real point is there to prolonging the inevitable?

Whatever the case may be, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a special group who have done their best to make these meetings as enjoyable as possible . . . thank you Versa crew. Your cookies and coffee have been both fresh and tasty, they will be greatly missed.

Students protest cuts

Egg throwin' not the answer



By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Last week, 15,000 students gathered in protest opposing proposed budget cuts by federal Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

The fact of the matter is not the students were there in protest, but by which means they chose to protest.

Axworthy took the stage after two NDP MPs spoke out against the proposed cuts. Before a word escaped Axworthy's mouth students hurled eggs and Kraft Dinner and basically drove him off stage.

This bothers me.

Do students, the well-informed minds of the future, know this form of protest doesn't work anymore?

First of all, these are proposed cuts, which means they have yet to be made government policy. This also means there's still an opportunity to voice our problems over the budget cuts.

Do students not know when dealing with the red tape of government you have to bend a little to get what you want? Throwing eggs and pasta gives the government an excuse not to sit down and discuss the problem.

Students should gather in organized groups, discuss the issue, validate their reasons against the proposal, take the working proposal to the government, sit at a big round table and hash out the details.

It doesn't sound hard does it?

Don't get me wrong, I do not agree with Axworthy's proposal, in fact, in the right setting, I might get right angry about it. But whipping eggs and chanting "bull . . . ." at everything your opponent has to say, is not productive, nor pro-active. It is a child-like response to an issue far from being resolved.

Canada — love it or leave it

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

When people talk about patriotism the first country they envision is the U.S. There is a lack of pride in the Canadian lifestyle. Canadians have much more to be proud of than they think.

Canadians were there to help storm the beaches at Normandy and defeat all foes during the push northward in Italy during Second World War. We helped defeat all foes, taking on all comers. Who could take us on? No one!

From the battle lines to the foulball line, now let's talk baseball. The Toronto Blue Jays are on top of the world, enough said.

Which country has the best looking, the most dominating and the most outstanding flag in the world? Which country has one of the best health care coverages in the world? Which country has the best citizens in the world? Canada, bar none.

Some people are worried about the United States taking over Canada I feel there is nothing to worry about. Why would they risk life and limb against the fierce Canadians? The Fenians already tried and lost.

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Euthanasia hot topic

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

First Rodriguez, now Latimer.

The subject of euthanasia has become a hot topic in Canada the past few months, with the two above being the most notable examples.

In February 1994, there was Sue Rodriguez. The Lou Gehrig disease sufferer finally achieved her wish of a doctor-assisted suicide after the Supreme Court of Canada told her, in a 5-4 decision, it was not among her constitutional rights.

The latest case involves Robert Latimer, who was convicted of the murder of his daughter, Tracy, who was severely disabled by cerebral palsy. He claims to have killed his daughter to end her endless suffering.

With a special Senate Committee set up to study euthanasia due to report by Dec. 15, and possible legislation to come next year, it's important that our politicians take a very close at these two cases.

What they must understand is the difference between assisted suicide and mercy-killing. With Rodriguez's assisted suicide, it can always be said that it was her choice. With Latimer's mercy-killing, I ask one question: Did Robert Latimer kill his daughter out of mercy for her? Or was it for himself?

Saso supports native community

By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

Multiculturism - "a Canadian attitude we should be proud of" - is strong and encouraged at Niagara College," says President John Saso.

Reflecting the large native population in the Niagara Region, the college has forged alliances with the native community.

"President John Saso is very supportive," said Bonnie Winskel, aboriginal access manager. "He is a leader in celebrating the cultural differences, multiculturism and eliminating racism."

"I am very proud to have him here because there are not many leaders like that."

"Support is to try to help things get better and to help things happen," said Saso.

The job of the president is not to do it, but often times to create a barrier-free climate.

"You need people who have a whole bunch of different views and ideas on things to have a proper balance," said Saso.

Symbolic of the college-native alliance, a peace tree at the Welland campus was planted in October 1993 and a wampum belt was presented to the college. It is displayed at the head of the Board of Governors' boardroom table.

"It's a symbol of what we are supposed to do in the community, not only with the native community, but with everybody," said Saso. "We are fostering a learning and invitational access."

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Pub Nights becoming 'tremendous success'

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

It is a place to let loose and socialize, but most of all the Niagara College pub nights allow students to just have a good time.

Pub nights are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tuesday pub nights began recently. The main theme of the music is alternative. This music is for the non-mainstream listeners. This is for students who don't like dancemix music.

"On Tuesday nights we get about 120 to 125 people that come out. We offer free pool on Tuesday nights and this is another reason to come out," says Dave Rapelje, manager at the Student Centre.

Dawn Swayze, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president of internal affairs, says SAC is overwhelmed with the positive response from the student body.

"We are glad to be able to extend our services that students enjoy and make use of," she says.

There is always one staff person working at the door of the Student Centre during the day. At pub nights there are five door staff, three bartenders, one assistant manager and two bus students.

"I think a positive thing that we are allowing this year is employing a number of students," says Rapelje.

He says SAC has given "unbelievable support."

"I really believe one of the main reasons the pub has been successful this year is that student council has contributed greatly of their time and effort in helping to facilitate the growth of the building," says Rapelje.

Linda Shuart, SAC's vice-president social, says pub nights have been a tremendous success because they are offering evening social activities held on campus instead of going to a local bar.

"It is a form of school spirit. Pub nights promote different areas of music," she says, adding "I would like to commend David Rapelje on lending his expertise on the battle of the bands."

"In the building, at any given time, the Student Centre has 280 students, but we have 400 coming and going. The licence gives us up to 280 students," says Rapelje. "We allow 250 students inside, plus staff, at one time and hold students back at the door.

"We feel, at this point, in time based on our attendance were being financially successful," he says.

SAC President Jason Graham says pub nights are part of the college's social aspect. It is somewhere for the students to socialize.

"We have had limited problems, which is surprising due to the capacity of the students," Graham said.

Rapelje says the "greatest thing" happening at the pub is people encountering new people and establishing new friendships. The pub provides people with an opportunity to be confronted with situations that they will grow and learn from.

"There has been a great turnout for pub nights. David Rapelje and staff have been doing a great job," says Jeff Poulin, SAC's vice-president of external affairs.

"Shuart has had some great entertainment that has come to the pub so far this year," said Poulin.

Rapelje says yes "we do have successful pub nights. Our sales are up and the pub does have a lot of students working."

Bill Baiton, a member of the door staff, works at the Student Centre daily. He checks for proper identification from students.
Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

Calling all writers

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

Calling All Writers is calling on you to attend their third session at After Hours on Monday, Dec. 12.

Whether you're an aspiring writer looking for a place to read your work, or you just enjoy listening, the *Calling All Writers* club may appeal to you.

The session includes works ranging from poems and short stories to lyrics.

"This is an opportunity to hear the lyrics without the distraction of the music," said Will Webster, a first-year Journalism-Print student and organizer of the club.

To participate "just show up and read," said Webster. "There is no criticism whatsoever involved."

There have been two sessions so far, with six writers attending the first and eight attending the second.

Webster, who said he's been attending similar events for 25 years, hopes to attract more people for the next session.

He said although the main focus group is the student body, others who wish to participate will not be "chased away."

"We would like to see more students come out," he said.

The next session of *Calling All Writers* is tentatively set for Monday, Dec. 12.

Webster said he hopes to hold all future meetings on the second Monday of each month.

Will Webster, 40, a first-year Journalism-Print student and Alun Davis, 23, a first-year Human Relations student, were at CRNC recently to promote the next Calling All Writers meeting being held Dec. 12.
Photo by Paul Hardy

Help BRTF

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

Third-year film students in Niagara College's Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program need your help to put on the first-annual *Barrel Awards*.

BRTF will be holding a fund-raising stag and doe at After Hours on Dec. 9 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The funds are needed to cover certain administrative costs for the non-profit event, said Shawn Doney, a third-year film student and co-ordinator of the *Barrel Awards*.

Some activities will include blackjack and crown and anchor tables, door prizes and an auction. Music will be provided by two DJs.

Tickets can be purchased at the BRTF department for $2.

Barrell Awards coming to Niagara

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

The first annual Barrel Awards are coming to Niagara College.

The Barrel Awards is an awards program sponsored by third-year film students in the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program.

The awards show will showcase the talents of film students from colleges across Ontario and New York state.

Since universities usually have bigger budgets, they are being excluded to make it a fair competition for the colleges, said Shawn Doney, a third-year film student and one of the organizers of the event.

Entries can be any format, including 8mm, 16mm and video.

Categories will include long and short drama, documentary, animation, corporate and music video.

Students entering the contest must have graduated last year or be graduating this year.

Public screenings of contest entries will be held at the King's Bridge Inn on Main Street in Niagara Falls on March 3 and 4, 1995.

Although plans for judges and prizes are not yet finalized at press time, the contest will be judged by industry professionals from outside the college system, said Elias Petras, a film teacher in the BRTF program at Niagara.

The main benefit for students entering the contest is public and industry exposure, said Doney.

Petras said he hopes the event will become a "major cultural event" every year.

"It's more of an opportunity for these people to get their stuff seen in public," he said.

College getting involved in higher education

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

Getting colleges involved in higher education studies is Niagara College English instructor Valorie Grabove's aim.

Grabove was elected to the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHE) at the annual meeting in Calgary in June. It is for a two-year term.

"The society is a national body which investigates and shares research about education," says Grabove.

She attended her first meeting two years ago in Ottawa. She attended the Learned Socities Conference, which is part of the society. There are about 140 socities involved. As the only faculty member from a community college elected to the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, Grabove discovered the group when doing research for her master's thesis on educational research at Brock University. Grabove wants to get more colleges involved in the society.

The society was founded in 1970 to provide a means of communication among people conducting or using research in postsecondary education. It is governed by an executive council which meets three or four times a year. The council consists of four officers and six members at large elected at the annual meeting.

The 25th anniversary of the society will be in 1995. The annual meeting will be held June 3 to 5 at the Universite du Quebec in Montreal. This will offer an important opportunity for researchers, teachers, administrators, policy-makers and students to review significant developments in higher education research.

The society hopes to attract more college faculty at this meeting. The theme for this meeting is Challenges and Transformations: Post Secondary Education in Canada. The society is bilingual.

In honor of the 25th anniversary, the society is offering a special rate to college faculty members "to get more colleges involved."

"The membership fee is being reduced by 50 per cent," said Grabove.

The society has few colleges involved already because it is involved in research.

"University professors are hired to do research and teach on the side," said Grabove. "College professors are hired to teach and any research they do is on the side."

In 1996, the the Learned Socities Conference will be held in the Niagara Region. Grabove will be chairing the conference. She is "really excited" about chairing the event.

Grabove has been an English teacher at Niagara College for "eight or nine years."

If anybody wants more information about the society, they can contact Grabove at Ext. 7741, and her office is HR1 behind the Hamilton Room.

Job roles changing

By ANTHONY GROSSI
Staff Writer

Niagara College is introducing women to exciting careers in non-traditional roles through the Women into Trades and Technology (WITT) and Women's Access to Apprenticeship programs.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, an information session was targeted towards female high school students interested in non-traditional careers in the workforce.

Students typically have worked in traditional women-oriented jobs, such as secretarial or the fast-food industry, but have become frustrated at the lack of opportunities for professional and financial advancement, said WITT co-ordinator and professor Susan Kyle. "These women usually have a very clear idea of what kind of career they now want, and share a strong desire to succeed."

WITT is a 24-week program designed to help women acquire tool skills, and develop mechanical ability and technical knowledge. Courses include professional and self-development, first aid and CPR, language and communications, career exploration, drafting and blueprint reading, machining, motor vehicle repair and welding. A four-week work internship completes the program.

Diane Kusiak, Access to Apprenticeship co-ordinator, is enthusiastic about the apprenticeship and technical opportunities opening up for women. "Apprenticeship is the best kept secret in North America," she said. "In order to be successful, you need both mechanical and academic ability. People working in the technical and apprenticeship areas are well-paid, highly skilled and well-respected. But most women aren't encouraged to go into that type of work when they're young, and when they get older and want to change careers, they think they're not suited for technical work. We're trying to change that perception."

WITT has had a high rate of success in the past with five of the 12 graduates employed, five continuing their education and two looking for work.

Leaders graduate

By DEANNA FERBRACHE
Staff Writer

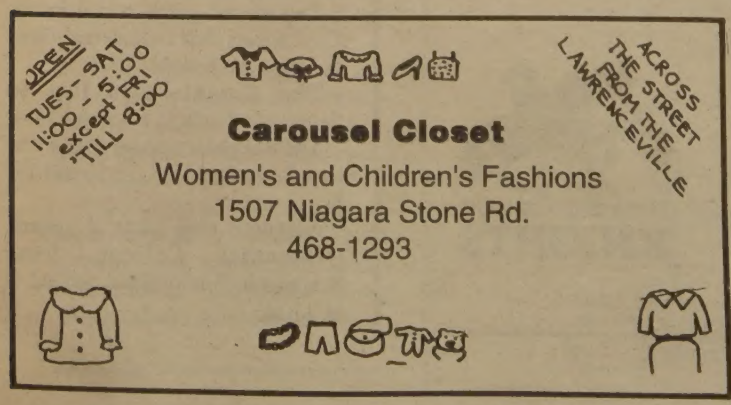
Graduation ceremonies for the Business Leadership Certificate program were held Nov. 29 at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The Business Leadership program provides studies and training in business leadership for front-line managers and supervisors.

The program was the result of an unique partnership among four community colleges: Durham College in Oshawa; St. Clair College in Windsor; Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough; and Niagara College.

The list of supporters also included the University of Waterloo, General Motors of Canada and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Senior administrative officials from General Motors were present to honor the graduates as well as Dan Patterson, Niagara College's vice- president, Ventures, and Reg Begin, associate administrator of regional training, and General Motors.



ESL: annual Christmas party

By WILLIAM BECK
Staff Writer

Students of the English as a Second Language program (ESL), will be holding their annual Christmas party Dec.16 at 7:30 p.m. The location is as yet determined.

If they are unable to reserve the Chateau Richelieu, otherwise known as 'The Barn,' in Welland, then the party will be held at the Hooker Street Tennis Club.

The Christmas party will be run much the same as the Halloween party. Students are designated to crews taking care of the decorating, food and the after-party clean-up.

The three levels of ESL students are also working on traditional Christmas songs to be presented at the party. Students are also encouraged to bring finger foods and desserts.

For many students this will be their first Christmas in Canada. Many do not celebrate Christmas to the extent that they do in North America, for them it is just another day. Students are getting geared up for the traditional holiday with a Kris Kringle type game. Each student has chosen a name at random. They are now required to do two nice things for that person before leaving for holidays.

For the four years that co-ordinator Susan Vandenboom has been in charge of the program, she said she's seen the party improve each year.

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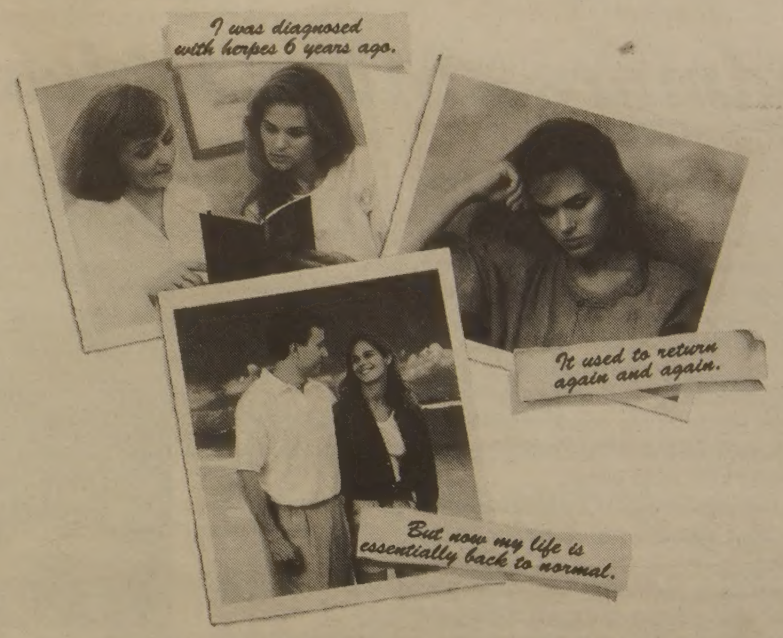

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SPORTS

Volleyball Knights lack confidence in loss

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The ninth ranked in Canada Niagara Knights lost their first game of the year at Humber College in Etobicoke as they dropped three straight, 15-13, 15-8, 16-14 on Nov. 24 in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) men's volleyball league play.

The Knights were led by male Athlete of the Week Blair Cudmore, of Beamsville, who had 14 kills.

Other scorers were Kevin Blundell, from St. Catharines, with six kills, Brian Dunn, from St. Catharines, and Franz Schuster, from Fenwick, both with four.

"The first game was not too bad, but if we had pushed a little harder we might of won that one," said Ray Sarkis, Niagara's head coach.

"The team lost their confidence in the last couple games."

"Schuster had a good match. He was a bright spot in the game," said Sarkis.

"We have to play with more intensity," said Schuster. "We should have covered-up on our hitters, which we didn't do.

"The Cambrian match (on Dec. 3) will be a very tough match," said Schuster. "With a lot of hard work and determination, who know's what will happen."

"The refereeing in this league is brutal," said Cudmore, a Niagara starter. "Our referees are just terrible."

"We're a ninth-ranked team, we should go to the game with more confidence," said Blaine Preston, a Niagara player from Brantford.

"We have respect around the league, but we'll have to beat Cambrian to prove ourselves," said Preston.

John Lierman, a Niagara starter from London, was questionable to play against Humber College with an ankle injury, but did play in the game.

"I was reluctant at first. I didn't want to push the ankle too hard," he said. "I didn't really notice it except when I landed one time.

"Hopefully I'll be 100 per cent or close to it for next week," said Lierman. "Hopefully we can start another winning streak."

On Nov. 19, the Knights travelled to Oshawa to attend an exhibition one-day tournament against five other teams.

The Knights met Sheridan College for two games. They won the first game 15-0 but dropped the second game 15-11.

Then the Knights met Humber College and beat them 15-6 and 17-15.

Next they faced Durham College from Oshawa and split the two games, 12-15 and 15-11.

They then faced Seneca College from North Bay and lost 15-10 and 15-4.

They then faced Loyalist College from Belleville and lost 15-5 and 15-8.

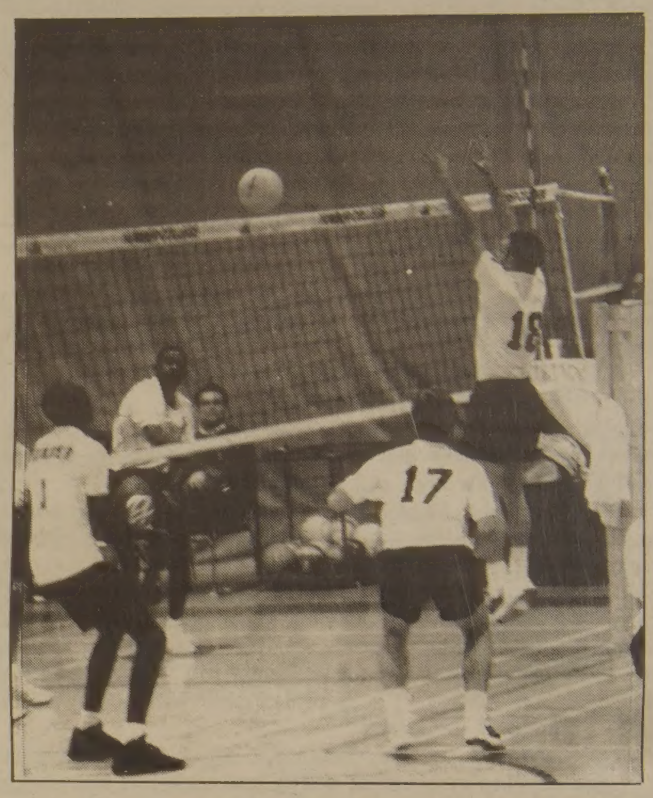
Cudmore led the Niagara offence with 39 kills, which earned him a tournament all-star selection.

Greg Heyder had 30 kills while Blundell and Dunn had 14 each and Schuster had seven.

The Knights finished the day in fifth place.

On Nov. 18, the Knights hosted the Canadore Panthers in OCAA league play and defeated them 15-1, 15-11, 15-11.

The Knights will host Redeemer College on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. and will host the sixth-ranked team in Canada, Cambrian College, on Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.



Franz Schuster, #17, prepares to defend in a game against Humber College.

Photo by Michael Mucaki

Cudmore - Male Athlete of the Week

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student has been named Male Athlete of the Week by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA).

Blair Cudmore of the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team was the Via Rail Male Athlete of the Week for Nov. 14 to 20.

Cudmore is the team's captain.

"Opponents know to keep the ball away from him," said volleyball coach Ray Sarkis, adding Cudmore leads by example.

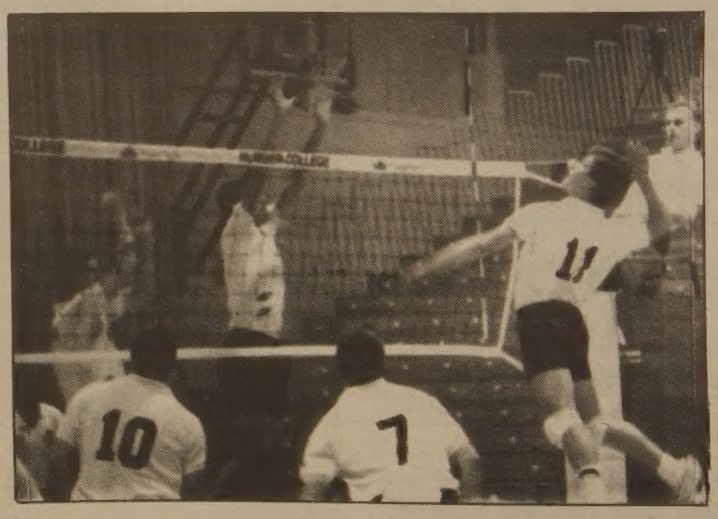
He is a team leader at his power position, adding 11 kills against Canadore College from North Bay during a game two weeks ago. These kills gave him 58 kills in 15 games.

During the Durham Overkill Cup held at Durham College in Oshawa Nov. 19 and 20, Cudmore was named a tournament all-star for his efforts.

Cudmore, a former McMaster University player, is enrolled in the Environmental Management program at Niagara.

John Leirman, another starter at Niagara, was the scoring leader with 6.7 points a game during the week of Nov. 14 to 20. Cudmore and teammate Steve Grondin were also on the top 10 scoring list.

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team is in a good position to make the playoffs.



Blair Cudmore, #11, going up for a spike, was named male athlete of the week.

Photo by Michael Mucaki

As of Nov. 27, here are the standings in the men's volleyball Division 1 West of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA).

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	POINTS
Cambrian	5	0	10
Niagara	4	1	8
Mohawk	3	1	6
Redeemer	3	3	4
Humber	2	2	4
Georgian	2	4	4
Sheridan	2	4	4
Canadore	0	0	0

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Lady Knights salvage one victory

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights women's volleyball team had trouble with unity last Saturday.

In the Cross-Over tournament held at Niagara College in Welland, the Knights lost two of the three matches they played.

In the final tournament game the Niagara Knights faced the Loyalist Lancers from Belleville. The Knights had trouble controlling the ball and concentrated more on the spike than placing the ball.

The Lancers took an early lead in the game and maintained it throughout the best of three tournament. At a 10-1 deficit, the Knights tried to rally but came up short with a loss of 15-3.

The second game was deja vu. The Lancers took another early lead and beat the Knights 15-3.

The Knights also lost to Algonquin College 15-7 and 15-4.

The Knights came up with a win over Redeemer 15-8, 13-15 and 15-8.

Niagara's next game is against Centennial College from Scarborough in Welland on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

Men's basketball lose to St. Clair

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Knights men's basketball team dropped their first game of the year at home 82-69 on Nov. 25 against the St. Clair College of Windsor in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) league action.

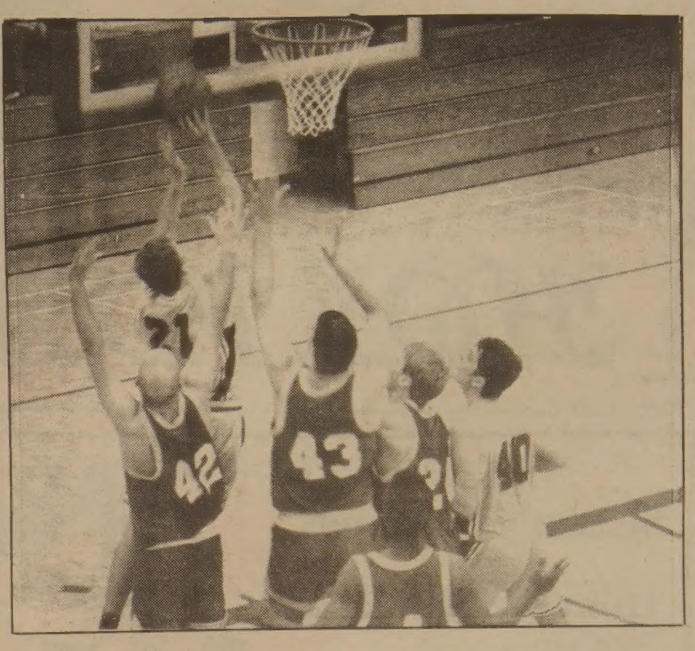
"I was disappointed with our team play," said Randy Conlon, head coach of Niagara. "We needed to get the ball more inside."

"John Wark played an outstanding job," said Conlon. "He did a great job replacing Derek Flindall." (Flindall is eligible to play for the Knights in January).

"I played a pretty good game," said Wark. "It was a pretty intense game."

"We could of won this game quite easily," said Wark. "That little run they had and the missed shots we had hurt us.

"The first half we played very good, but in the second half we got pretty tired," said Wark.



Adriaan Knaap, #21, goes up for a shot against three St. Clair College players.

Photo by Michael Mucaki

The Knights were ahead 38-36 at half-time but St. Clair scored seven straight points twice in the second half.

Niagara was led by Mike Hurley with 31 points and Wark with 16.

Other scorers for the Knights were Adriaan Knaap with seven, Dave Moukperian with five, Frank Keltos and Sergio Vercesi with four and John Nicholson with two.

"We should of beat St. Clair," said Knaap. "I wish we had Flindall in the line up. It would of helped us."

The Niagara's next game is Dec. 7 at Humber College in Toronto.

Women's basketball improves league record

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's basketball team kept their undefeated home record alive despite playing below their coach's expectations.

The Knights beat Redeemer College from Ancaster 62-52 on Tuesday, Nov. 29, improving their impressive league record to 3-1.

Coach Todd Stevens was "unhappy" with his team's effort however, saying it may have been their "worst effort of the year."

The Knights were in control for the majority of the game leading by as many as 20 points, but they seemed to lose focus on their game plan and had to fight off a late charge by Redeemer.

"It's obvious after that second half we need to work on our mental part of the game," said Stevens. "We will need to play much smarter against our upcoming opponents if we plan on being competitive in this league."

The Knights were led by Shelley Doncaster and Julie McLaren, each with 14 points and point guard Kelly Smith, who once again was the early factor pushing the fast break and draining 13 points herself.

For Stevens, the only bright spot in the game was the performance from McLaren who stepped up her game and proved to be another good scoring option for their offence.

The Knights are back in action on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3:30 p.m. putting their undefeated home record on the line against Seneca College from Toronto.

Hockey Knights beat St. Lawrence College

By CRAIG M[illegible]RISON
Staff Writer

It wasn't a lost weekend for the Niagara College men's hockey team in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) play in Brockville.

Although the hockey team lost Saturday night to Algonquin College from Ottawa 10-8, they did defeat St. Lawrence College from Brockville 9-6 Friday night.

In Saturday's game, the Niagara goal scorers were Jason Brazeau with two goals, and one goal going to Mike Tasker, Mike Matier, Lyndon Johnston, Dave Crane, Eric Hill and Mark Radbourne.

In Friday's game, the Niagara goal scorers were Crane, Matier with two goals each, Breazeau scored three, and one goal going to Johnston and Fuhrmann.

Before Friday, the Niagara Knights had just one tie for the season.

In Friday's victory, Niagara trailed 3-1 after the first period, then turned it around in the second leading 5-4 heading into the final period.

Niagara outshot St. Lawrence 36-24.

Dave Boulton played goal for Niagara.

In Saturday's game, Niagara failed to make it two wins in a row. Instead, the team lost 10-8.

Niagara's record is one win, four losses and one tie. Niagara has three points for the season in the nine-team Costello/Parker league.

On the plus side, Dave Crane, a second-year Journalism-Print program student at Niagara, is in the top 10 scoring list for the season. He has five goals and 10 assists for 15 points in six games.

Jon Stos of Cambrian College in Sudbury is the league's leading point getter with 32 points (eight goals and 24 assists) in six games.

The team's next home series is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Welland arena against St. Lawrence College and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Welland arena against Algonquin College.

Meanwhile, special ceremonies are set for Tuesday, Dec. 6 to honor Fred Bassi, the longtime head coach of the hockey Knights. Bassi will be first inductee in Niagara College's Wall of Fame - at After Hours. All former hockey players are invited to the ceremony.

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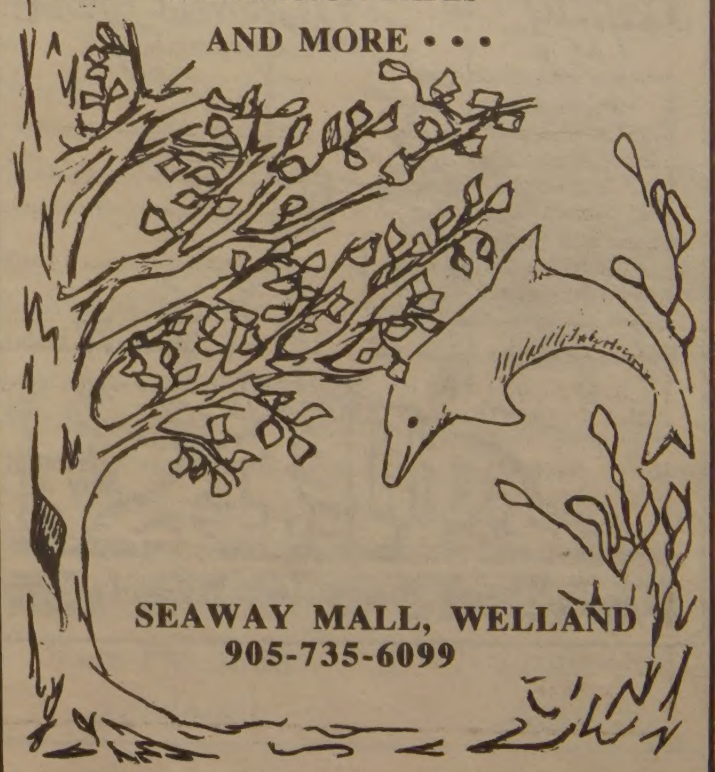

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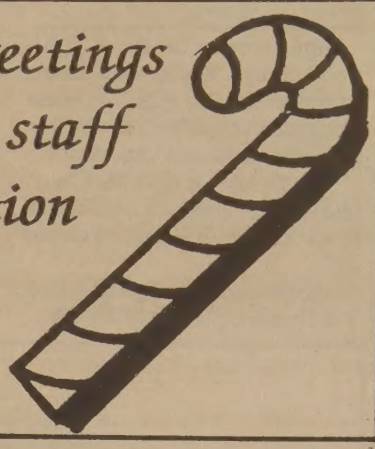

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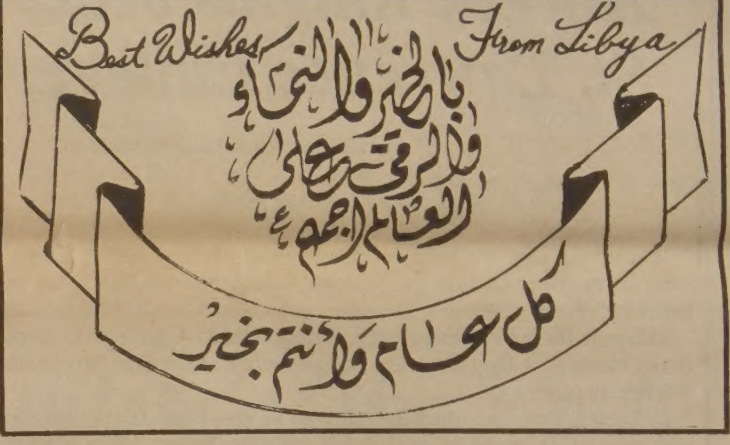

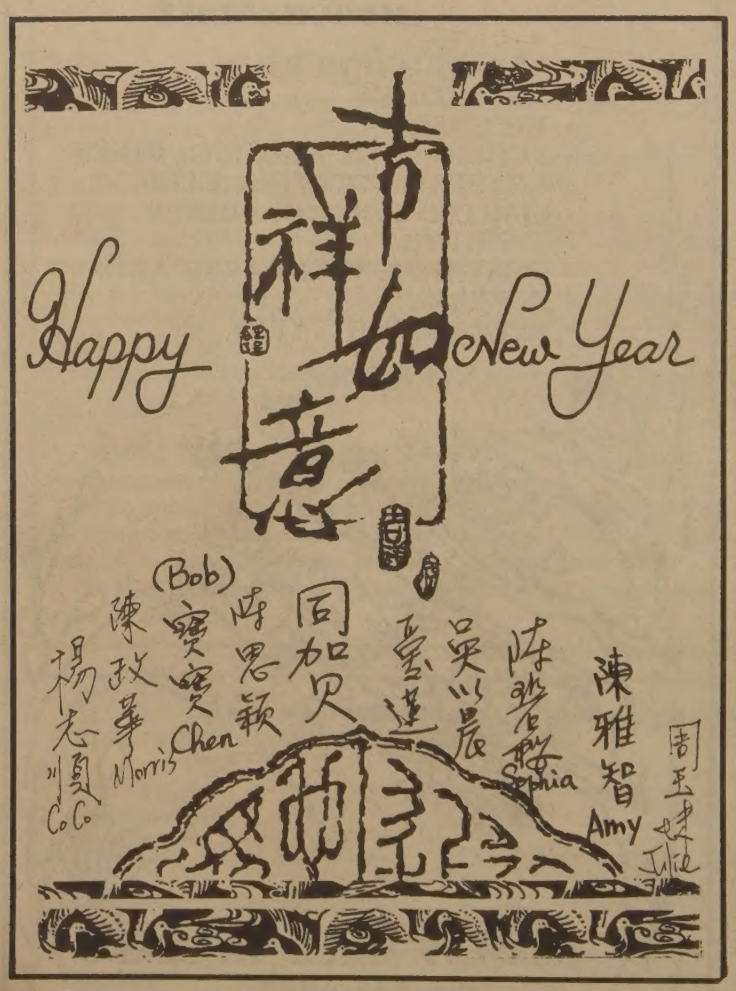

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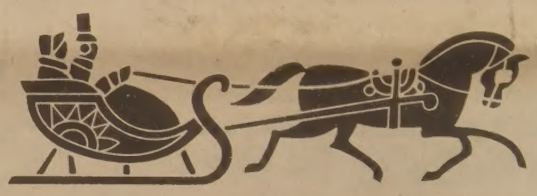

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From Karen and Ron and all the Ad Reps from the CRNC and Niagara News

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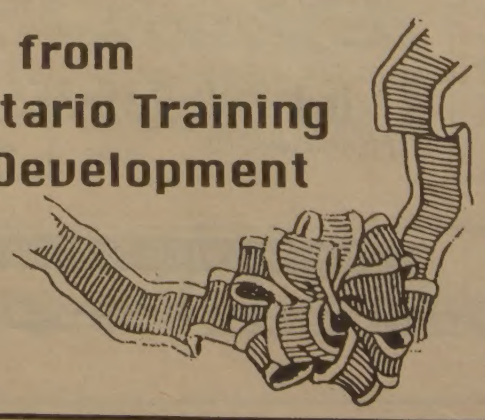
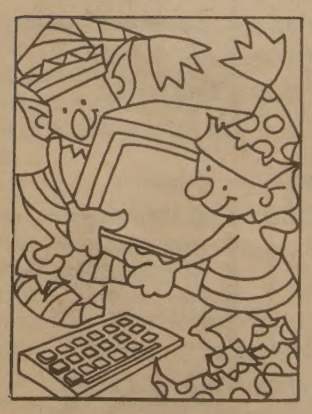




You Create It All

Whether you're in first, second or third year, give yourself new power as a student in 1994. Over the Christmas break, figure out what worked for you in your educational experience in 1993 and what didn't.

There are wonderful rewards for you at the other end of your time at Niagara. There are strong challenges at this end.

Don't miss the chance to make 1995 count. If you need help, ask for it. If you need an ear, there are faculty advisors, counsellors, teachers and "College Success" grads from Gens. 109 ready to listen.

Have a great Christmas. Build a terrific New Year.

David Schleich
Vice-President Academic

&

Pat Clay
Administrative Assistant

'Santa is the spirit of the Christmas season'

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

What has happened to the little child who was up at 5 a.m. waking up his or her parents, bolting down the stairs and tearing open every gift in sight (even if it wasn't yours)?

For a lot of people, the holiday season has lost its meaning. Christmas is no longer about family, friends and goodwill. Instead, it has become a marathon. Everyone is racing to buy relatives and friends things they probably won't like, and you definitely can't afford.

Folks, where has your spirit gone?

Christmas is a truly magical time. The holiday season is the only time of year that you can greet a total stranger without getting hurt.

It is a time where the goodwill of others gives you a warm feeling in your heart and a light feeling in your wallet.

People even start to volunteer their time to help the less fortunate to show they care. Only this time it's not because they feel guilty, it's because they really do care.

There is a myth out there that adults can't believe in Santa Claus.

Well guess what, I believe in Santa and I'm not even embarrassed. OK maybe a little, but believing in Santa can be beneficial.

First of all, believing in Santa allows us to have an Orwellian control over children. How many times have you heard, "You better be good because Santa is watching you?"

Second, and best of all, if you say Santa bought it you don't have to admit that you actually bought the gift. I mean how is Santa supposed to know what everyone likes — he has to go all over the world you know.

Don't lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Santa, although mythical in form, embodies all that Christmas represents. I guess you could say, that Santa is the spirit of the Christmas season so in essence it isn't childish to believe in him, it's naive not to.

Yes Virgina (Sally, Fred, whoever?) there is a Santa Claus. He exists in the hearts and minds of those who still believe in humanity.

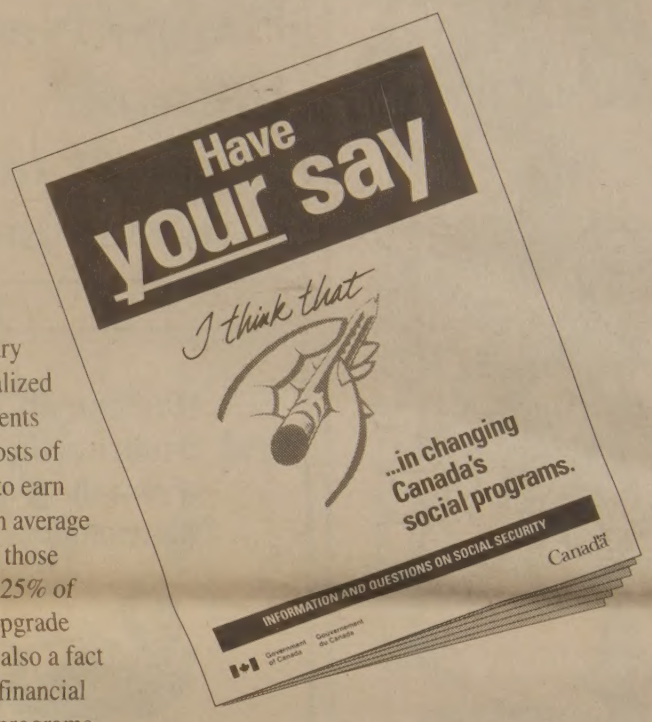
O' Christmas Tree

A beautiful Christmas tree is displayed at the Seaway Mall in Welland.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

is looking at changing Canada's social programs including federal support to post-secondary education.



FACTS

Canada spends more of its Gross National Product on post-secondary education than any other industrialized country. Canadian university students now pay only about 20% of the costs of their education. They can expect to earn 40% more over their lifetime — an average of $11,700 more per year — than those with no university diploma. Over 25% of people in the workforce want to upgrade their skills but can't afford it. It's also a fact that all governments are facing a financial squeeze and have to review their programs.

THE CHALLENGE

WE NEED TO MAINTAIN A FAIR, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM. HERE'S ONE OF THE OPTIONS ON THE TABLE:

An expanded student aid program that would put more money in a new system of student loans and grants. **Repayment of loans would be based on income after graduation**.

Right now, the federal government's spending includes both student aid and transfers to provinces in the form of cash and tax points. The tax transfers will continue — and grow by an estimated $2 billion over the next decade. That money will replace the cash portion which will run out over the next 10 years.

One idea: the federal government could replace the cash transfer with a new permanent $2 billion loans and grants system. This option could put about $10 billion more into the post-secondary system over a ten-year period and improve access to post-secondary education.

*Nothing is etched in stone. If you have comments on these ideas — or other ideas — we want to hear from you. Get your free copy of the Discussion Paper, the Summary or the booklet "**Have your say**". Fill in the pull-out question-and-answer section of the booklet and return it to us. To order or for more information:*

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Journalism students get a printing lesson

By SUE NOBLE
AND ELIZABETH
MONSERE
Staff Writers

The building-length monster gobbled hundreds of yards of the wide, creamy-colored ribbon as it raced through the intricate weavings of the spinning tubes.

The deafening roar of the compressors and chattering of the press rollers made talking nearly impossible.

Steve Wright, 30, the shift foreman, was more than generous in his explanations and patience with the tour of Niagara College's second-year Journalism-Print program students he led through Ridley Web Offset Printing on Vansickle Road in St. Catharines.

He said each plate of color is computerized to be painted on the paper at precisely the right moment.

First the primary colors are applied, as they are layered, the plates change and adjust to the correct shades of the secondary colors.

Square banana-yellow splotches appeared, as if by magic, in exactly the right places.

Next came the fire-engine red, then royal blue in such blinding speed it was difficult to tell when the colors mixed, changing the pages to green, brown and orange.

Just as suddenly, the print appears on the racing paper as it flies through the rollers of ink in the fourth machine.

About 1,000 pounds of paper an hour shoot through the rollers printing out 21,000 completed papers or flyers an hour.

Niagara News is just one of their many publications.

Ridley Web's, Jodie Murray, composing artist, said the Niagara College's Niagara News has "very few errors, it has really improved since September."

As the race nears the last of these huge creatures, the paper is folded in half, cut with minute exactness, stacked page after page, then folded in half and in half again.

For the first time since the huge roll of paper was threaded into the machine, it is manually grabbed, bundled and stacked by an employee at the end of the belt.

Mike Melitzer, 39, general manager, has been employed with Ridley for 18 years. He said Ridley produces publications for seven high schools, Lincoln County Board of Education's administration paperwork and scheduling timetables.

It takes five men on each of the two shifts to produce 25 to 45 different publications each week. Ridley Web employs between 40 and 50 people.

Natalie Stickles, pre-press darkroom technician for the past six months, is the first person to work in her position.

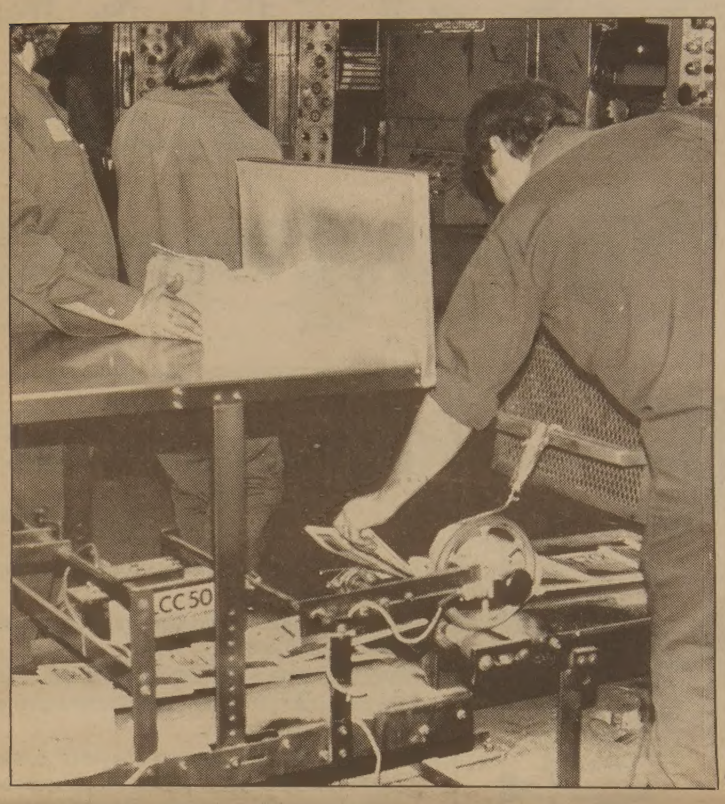
In the darkroom stage of the paper, the employees work with positive images of photographs (PMT), meaning no negative is required print to print.

"When there are heavy-duty deadlines, I help out as much as I can when the presses go down," says Stickles.

Holly Felton is the darkroom operator and Sandi Follis is the paste-up artist.

Follis and 20 other employees handle paste-up and typesetting for Ridley Web.

At tour's end, the Niagara College students had a "greater appreciation" of the hard work and dedication Ridley Web employs to get the Niagara News to the college community.



A St. Catharines Ridley Web Offset Printing employee catches and piles papers as they come off the conveyor belt. Threading the roll of paper onto the presses, printing, folding, cutting and piling takes 15 minutes to produce a finished paper.
Photo by Sue Noble

Steve Wright, St. Catharines Ridley Web Offset Printing Press foreman, (at right) is talking to a co-worker at Ridley Press.
Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

New college president

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

College des Grand Lacs, the new French-language college for central/southwestern Ontario recently appointed Marquis Bureau as president of the new college.

Bureau served as the college's interim executive director since April 1994 before accepting the presidency. Bureau has held positions with the former Ministry of Colleges and Universities and with the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The new college is scheduled to open in the fall of 1995 in Welland, Ont. Since 1976, French language programs have been offered at Niagara College. All of these services will be transferred to the new college. The college will house the administrative needs as well as offering distance education and traditional learning classes. An area of 12,000 square feet has been reserved to accommodate the access centre at a cost of $700,000.

College des Grands Lacs will specialize in distance education (education through the use of video conferencing and on-line information). Upon opening, students will receive quality training and personalized instruction by means of computer conferencing and leading edge interactive technology.

Bureau will be assuming his duties as president immediately.

Flower sale

Students from the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines will be sponsoring their annual poinsettia sale this week.

The Horticultural Centre is at 360 Niagara St.

A six-inch pot costs $4, while a combination mum and poinsettia costs $8.

For advance orders, telephone the Horticultural Centre at 684-4315, Ext. 2464.

Horticultural Technician program students will be in Hennepin Hall at 10 a.m. and in front of the library in the Simcoe building at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 to take orders.

Students assist cops

By BRENT LADEROUTE
Staff Writer

Two Niagara College Nursing program students assisted police by treating victims at the scene of an accident on Nov. 7.

The police said the two, both third-year nursing students, stopped and assisted Const. Allen Lee after a collision involving three motor vehicles and a tractor trailer.

Two of the drivers required hospital treatment for injuries including shock, possible whiplash and back injuries. A five-month-old passenger was also taken to the hospital for examination, the OPP reported.

The police said the two nursing students assisted the officer by treating the victims for shock and injuries, keeping them warm and comfortable until the ambulance arrived.

Donna Cunningham, the director of the nursing program, said she was "very pleased that our students would respond so quickly in an emergency."

"They obviously felt comfortable enough with their training to help out," she added.

"I would like to add my thanks along with the officers for the help, and professionalism provided by (the students)," said Senior Const. Stan W. Feeney in a letter to Cunningham. "An excellent reflection of your Nursing program."

Niagara News will be back on Jan. 20

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Staff & Students of the Niagara News!

Roman Mitchell Hill, 4, asks Santa for his favorite Sega games, as visions of sugar plums dance in his head.

Photo by Gordon Hill

Kindness at Christmas-time

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

Christmas is here . . . let good tidings prevail . . . !

But can I charge it?

Economists predict the best holiday season ever and they say more people will pull out the plastic and use their credit card.

However being a full-time student and mother of two, to me, Christmas is a time for togetherness.

Many say Christmas has become an over-rated commericalized gimmick . . . losing the meaning of what Christmas is everywhere.

With the holly jolly season now here, some of us look forward to the hustle and bustle of shopping.

Others look at shopping as a chore, a nightmare of leaving things to the last minute.

I enjoy hearing the sounds of Bing Crosby filling the airwaves of the malls. And I don't even mind waiting in line to see Santa, and having to turn back because my youngest decides she doesn't like Santa when it's our turn to sit on Santa's lap.

Christmas comes just once a year, lets enjoy it and create our own happy setting.

So if you absolutely hate going shopping and never know what to buy that aunt who has everything, do something different.

Remember those who may not have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas this year. No home to call their own. No presents under the tree. No family over for Christmas dinner.

So if you are still stuck on shopping during the holidays, remember those who can't afford to shop at all.

Remember them and give a gift worth giving . . . kindness.

It has no price tag and it could give you joy year round.

Merry Christmas to all.

You can help!
Support your local food drive and coats for kids. Items can be dropped off at M24. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
Early Childhood Education

A jack-in-the-box on display with Santa Claus at the Pen Centre in St. Catharines.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

This cute elf can be found at the Seaway Mall in Welland.

Photo by Michael Mucaki

College Council working hard for you

By KARIN KEIR
Staff Writer

What is College Council?

Six years ago, a Niagara College Council was assembled to provide a forum for staff and students to address problems within the college.

The composition of this council was designed to consider the need for representation across campuses, academic divisions and all service areas of the college. The council acts as an advisory board to President John Saso.

On the third Wednesday of every month, at 3 p.m. in the staff dining room of the Mackenzie building, the Niagara College Council meets. These meetings are open to everyone, and student participation is always welcome.

Ron Mottola is acting chair for council meetings and said this year's council has been experiencing attendance problems.

"It's very hard for members from different campuses to get here. Some have classes scheduled the same time as the meetings, others, like President Saso simply can't make it due to prior responsibilities," said Mottola at the Nov. 16 meeting.

Currently council is brainstorming ideas to promote the attendance of both voting members and the student body at the college.

"These are new problems and not permanent ones," added Mottola.

Coming Soon to a classroom near you.

Mal Woodhouse told the September College Council meeting that the janitorial staff has indicated that classrooms are full of garbage and, because they work on an alotted time frame to clean each room, they can't keep up with the mess.

Woodhouse suggested to council the possibility of setting up a Clean Campus Commission (CCC) within the school, and asked council members if they had any ideas of how it could work.

Currently, Niagara College is achieving 38.4 per cent waste aversion through the current recycling program, said Woodhouse.

Niagara is operating ahead of new legislation that demands the college meet 50 per cent waste diversion objectives by the year 2000.

The Welland campus alone accounts for 60 per cent of the 325,000 kilos of waste a year, that the combination of Niagara College campuses produce, Woodhouse added.

"This is not something one department can look after, we need more people to get involved . . . college-wide participation," said Woodhouse at the September meeting.

When Woodhouse was reached for comment earlier this week regarding the progress of the proposed committee, he said, "Until College Council's (*attendance*) situation is rectified . . . I'm just sitting waiting for approval."

Body a unique canvas for artwork:local artist

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

You won't find it at any auction and those who purchase it become permanent owners.

Tattoos, once associated with bikers and gang members, now may be seen on the forearms or chests of teachers, police officers and even on conservative tax collectors, said Bob Paulin, owner of Artistic Impressions Tattoo shop in St. Catharines.

Bob, and brother Dan, opened their tattoo shop last year and say they are swamped with customers.

"The stereotype is gone," said Dan. "People are willing to try something new . . . there is a different attitude about getting a tattoo."

Getting a tattoo is not a cheap investment, the tattoo artists both agreed.

"It depends on what a customer wants and how much detail goes into the work. We have customers here that spend over $1,000," said Dan as he displayed some of his creations on a customer covered in tattoos.

Dan said they get a lot of university and college students wanting customized tattoos.

"They are the educated consumer that have done the research before they make any decisions," Bob said.

The brothers agree the types of "tattoo art" they do is not the traditional snakes and daggers.

"We get a lot of customized work which gives the individual the opportunity to express themselves," Bob said.

Unlike any other business, these entrepreneurs have a different sales approach toward their customers. There's no slick, fast talking salesperson showing you the products or directing your decisions. Instead, Bob said he questions potential customers and tries to discourage them from getting a tattoo.

"It may sound strange but we don't just gererally give someone a tattoo who might just walk off the street," Bob said.

"This is an important decision for many to make," said Bob.

Bob said there are a lot of tattoo shops out there that are not well qualified in giving tattoos.

"I tell my customers to go check out every shop in town or wherever. Ask questions and not to be intimidated . . . it's your body," Bob said.

'The stereotype is gone'

At the moment there are no regulations set by health officials. However, Bob said, with the growing popularity of tattoos and body piercing, some sort of regulation should be enforced.

"I would like to see something more concrete done about proper regulation," Bob said.

But if tattoos aren't your thing, body piercing is another popular fast-growing trend.

"Piercing navels, nipples, noses and in some cases, genitals," said Bob.

"Body piercing is done differently than you would pierce your ears. It should not be done with a piercing gun . . . a single needle should be used," Bob said.

Bob and his staff all agreed that the best service he can offer his customers is to be "honest."

"We make sure all of our customers know what we are doing and follow along step by step," Bob said.

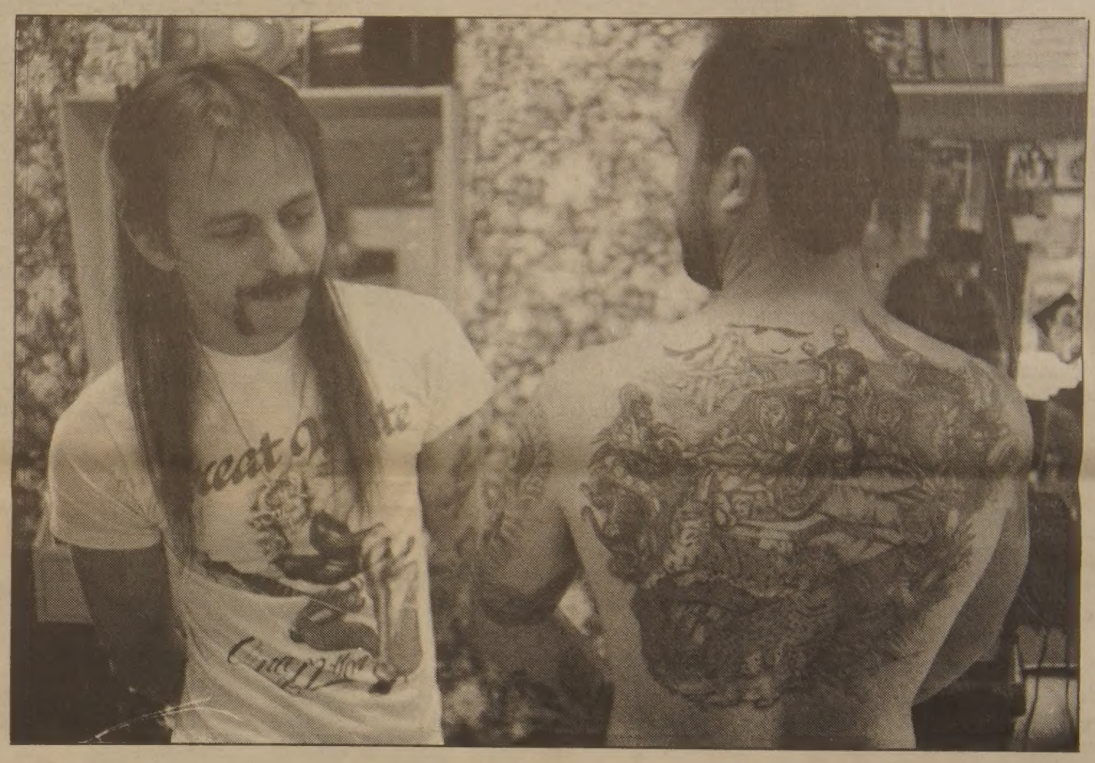
But if you already have a tattoo and would like to get it changed, they do a lot of cover ups.

"We get customers in here that may have had a tattoo from a long time ago . . . and don't like it, or want something different," Dan said.

The two brothers actively participate in major competitions in Canada and the United States. These competitions bring in competitors world wide showing their art work on the most unique canvas . . . the human body.

If you are still building up the courage to go out and get a tattoo, Bob said never to get a boyfriend or girlfriend's or spouse's name put on your body.

"Those are the one's we end up doing a lot of cover ups on."



Bob Paulin, resident tattoo artist and owner of Artistic Impressions in central St. Catharines, admires this finished back piece.

Photo by Gordana Pirker

Tobacco is No. 1 health problem

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Up to half of all cancer deaths in Ontario could be prevented if people stopped smoking and improved their diets, says Dr. Richard Schabas, Ontario's chief medical officer of health.

"Tobacco use is our No. 1 public health problem. In Ontario, we are taking a strong stand against smoking with our tobacco strategy," said Schabas.

Schabas released his fourth annual report, Opportunities for Health: Progress Against Cancer.

Ontario is soon to proclaim its tough new Tobacco Control Act. The act will outlaw tobacco sales to those younger than 19 and ban selling from drugstores and vending machines, among other measures, said Schabas.

"There is solid evidence that taxation has been a powerful factor in reducing smoking among young people." A threat of a "public health disaster" looms as a result of the federal government's tobacco tax cut this year, said Schabas.

The federal government's decision to cut tobacco taxes forced Ontario to do the same — production of tobacco has since increased.

"The government may have to take unpopular actions to curtail smuggling. So be it. If Canada is serious about cancer, this is one place we must act," said Schabas.

Tobacco use is responsible for about 25 per cent (5,000 cases) of cancer deaths in Ontario each year and 20 per cent (4,000 cases) of all fatal cancer cases are caused by the food we eat, said Schabas. "We have to change the way we deploy our resources, the way we think and, ultimately, the way we live. Measures against tobacco and diet-related cancers are our best opportunity to cut up to one-half of Ontario's cancer deaths."

Schabas said lung, breast, and bowel cancers are responsible for almost 45 per cent of deaths, which is ultimately the way people eat and live. A better organized screening for breast and cervical cancer could save still more lives. The typical Ontario resident has a 40 per cent chance of being diagnosed with cancer sometime in life, stated Schabas.

"About 27 per cent die of cancer each year," said Schabas.

Death rates are only part of the story, said Schabas. Also there's the widespread suffering of families and the patients who survive cancer; and the $1 billion in cancer treatment costs to Ontario every year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday miracles do come true

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

The 1947 Christmas classic *Miracle On 34th Street* just got better.

The film, directed by Les Mayfield (Encino Man), is reminicent of another yet remains contemporary.

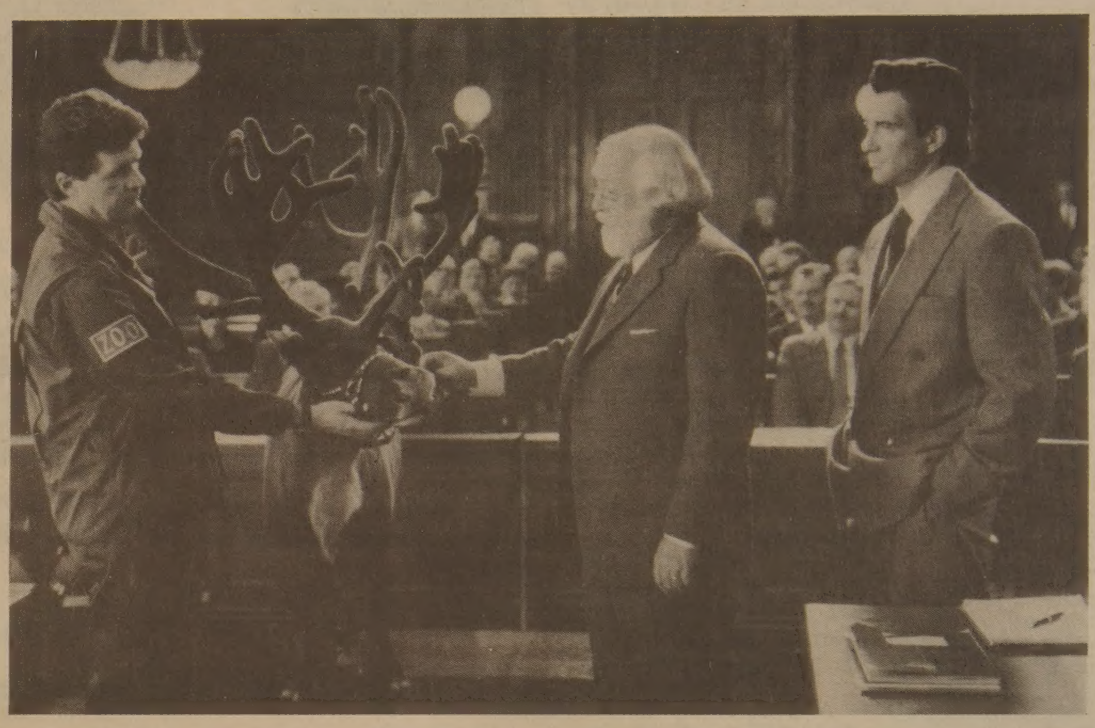
It is produced and written by John Hughes (The Breakfast Club) and George Seaton, who wrote the original screenplay based on a Valentine Davies story.

Hughes and Seaton have taken a charming tale and updated it so that it is relevant to today's society. The revised film has stronger antagonisms and deeper social meanings making it more applicable than ever.

Production of the film is more glamorized than the original. The film opens with the Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. For five days, nine blocks of Central Park West were closed down in order to shoot the scene.

Santa's Workshop within the Coles department store is a two-storey ballroom designed by the Art Institute of Chicago.

Even without these amazing props and sets, this film is a winner.



William J. Kasey, Jr., (at left) Prancer, Richard Attenborough and Dylan McDermott at Santa's trial in *Miracle On 34th Street.*

Photo contributed by Michael P. Weinstein

The theme of faith versus greed never goes out of style.

Miracle On 34th Street is an enchanting story of Kris Kringle, a department store Santa who is put on trial to prove he is the real thing and subsequently, to restore faith in the fast-growing world of non-believers.

Santa's job gets even harder when six-year old Susan Walker, played by Mara Wilson, becomes confused about what her mother has told her and what Kris Kringle has shown her. Susan asks Kris Kringle to prove himself by delivering a dad, a brother and a new home.

The film asks the question, "Is it wrong to allow a child to believe in something that is mythical if it makes them smile?"

Susan's mother, Dorey Walker (Elizabeth Perkins), is a young department store executive who is wary about having faith in anything.

Her world is turned upside down when a kind-hearted man, Bryan Bedford, offers her his love.

Bryan, played by Dylan McDermott, is a helpful young lawyer who defends Kris Kringle in court.

In the courtroom the story touches on many issues. It comes down to what happens when the good of the whole contradicts the law.

The community shows their support by displaying "I believe" buttons and signs, and lining up outside the courtroom en masse.

In the end, the Santa gets his identity, Susan gets her home, Bryan gets his wife and the people are given something to believe in.

If thousands of people across New York City can renew their faith in Santa Claus, so can you.

I believe.

Harvest Tour coming to CHCH

By KARIN KEIR
Staff Writer

"Quiet Please..."

A quick and professional hush silences the restaurant. Lights shine, cameras roll and Canadian television happens . . . *right in your own backyard.*

Effortlessly Jonathan Welsh, 47, a St. Catharines native, award-winning actor and Niagara College graduate, sets the scene for an informative half hour of food, fun and wine - all of which is local.

Welsh, with accompanying entourage, is in the Niagara area filming a 13-part, half hour series to be aired on CHCH in March.

During each segment, Welsh will lead the audience on a bicycle tour to a local restaurant, and over lunch or dinner, he and various guests feature wines from different wineries throughout the Niagara Region.

The series, called *The Harvest Wine Tour,* evolved from Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Jim Bruce's successful gourmet-picture book, *The Niagara Winery Cookbook.*

Bruce and Welsh are longtime friends and decided to work together, in co-operation with the local wineries, restaurants and with strong support from the regional broadcasting television company CHCH.

"Hopefully, this will move the area away from its industrial base, in people's minds, and help to concentrate on the agriculture and tourism aspects of Niagara," said Welsh.

Highlighting the glorious landscapes of wineries like Vineland Estate, Henry of Pelham, Inniskillin and 10 others, Welsh travels to restaurants such as the Cellar Bench in downtown St. Catharines, the Prince of Wales and Oban Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Joining guests like Canadian author Pierre Burton, Olympic rower Silken Laumann and former Les Miserables star Louise Pitre, Welsh and associates are confident the success of this program will provide further opportunity for like-programming.

This industry touches so many people, its growth is unlimited and the spin-off benefits to other sectors of the economy are fantastic, Welsh said.

Jonathan Welsh and Louis Pitre enjoy a gourmet lunch at The Cellar Bench

Photo by Karin Keir

Filming wraped-up scheduled around the end of November. Three days of temperatures of 10 below are needed before the ice wine harvest can happen and the production will then be complete.

Sega via Cable

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

Are you sick of just watching television?

Sega Limited of Canada and Rodgers Cable Systems are bringing interactive television to your home.

Sega plans to offer more than 700 games via cable into each home for a $15 monthly charge, says a Sega spokesperson.

Customers will need a Sega Genesis game system and lease or buy random access memory.

"Sega owners will not have to rent or buy expensive games anymore and the parents can screen out what they don't want their children to see," says the spokesperson.

Sega and Rodgers are awaiting approval from the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission.

Battle of the Bands a success for Acetic

By ALLAN SHIELDS
Staff Writer

Thanks to the hard work of supplying top entertainment for After Hours, Student Centre manager Dave Rapelje introduced the first annual **Battle of the Bands** to Niagara College.

"I was impressed by the response," said Rapelje. "Expect the student centre to do another show next year."

Despite the cold weather, the Nov. 24 Thursday Night Pub heated up as 11 bands began their outrage of rock ranging from heavy metal to rhythm and blues. The pub was packed with more than 400 rockers by the time the first band hit the stage.

Rapelje organized the stage set-up, and drum rental that was to be shared throughout the night. Each band, however, was to use their own guitars and amplifiers.

Crackerhead was just one of the 11 bands that appeared at Pub Night.

Photo by Allan Shields

The night began with *Bucket Mouth*, an alternative style band who showed their brilliance, teasing the crowd for what was to come.

Then stepped on *Too Much of Jon* , followed by *Watre*.

After *Watre*, a ferocious death metal band called *Acetic* blew the crowd with evil riffs of originals. By this time, the crowd was ecstatic.

Crackerhead followed and then the crowd heard an unique folk-rock style of *An Evening in Plaid.*

When they finished, *Springheel Jack* got the crowd wired with a few tunes from Green Day, despite having the power to their bass guitar cut out half way through their final song.

Rude Mood certainly changed the mood screaming Stevie Ray Vaughan until time was up.

Heel, Black, and *Blind Mice* crippled the crowd as the night came to an end and it was time to decide on the most fierce band of all.

Each band, all within the Niagara Region, had only 15 minutes to prove themselves which hindered many of the bands who were plagued by technical difficulties.

The judges, among them members of local rock favorite Mobilyzer, refused comment on the acts while performing and convened privately to decide the victor.

Living up to their expectations, the Port Colborne band *Acetic* roared their way to the top that night with *Rude Mood* falling close behind taking a solid second.

The five-piece metal heads received a recording session with Prodigy Studios worth about $1,000. The session promises to put out a one-song recording with 1,000 cassette copies.

Chris Johns, a guitarist for the band Rude Mood, played on Nov. 24 at the first annual Battle of the Bands, which was held at the Student Centre.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

Blues release

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

If you want guitar, listen to Buddy.

Buddy Guy's latest release *Slippin' In* gives fans exactly what they want, a whole lot of guitar. Travelling with his Chicago band, Guy headed down to Austin, Texas to play with Double Trouble, former back-up band to the late Stevie Ray Vaughan.

You can feel the Texas blues riffs rip through Guy and Double Trouble's rendition of the Bobby Bland classic *I Smell Trouble* and *Trouble Blues.* Guy sticks with his roots with a raw, blue electric flavor on the classic Jimmy Reed tune *Shame, Shame, Shame.*

After winning two consecutive Grammys for 1991's *Damn Right I've Got The Blues* and 1992's *Feel Like Rain*, Guy was given the Century Award by Billboard magazine.

Slippin' In does not disappoint fans or depart from Guy's electric blues style. It solidifies Guy's commitment to a style of music he truly loves playing and affirms his life-long mark in blues history.

Egg People create Skunk Records

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Niagara's Revenge of the Egg People have started their own "corporate" record label.

Skunk Records was officially open for business on Dec. 1 — a label funded by individuals purchasing "Skunk Stock", with Egg People singer Cashmere acting as president.

The Egg People have developed a strong local following through their many performances at Niagara bars, eight independently released cassettes, and their 'zine, The Happy Cabbage.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, Revenge of the Egg People will perform their first hometown show in four months, at Gord's in St. Catharines.

For further information on Skunk Records, write to Box 20016/Grantham Postal Outlet, St. Catharines, L2M 7W7.

New mood for Fu-schnickens

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

With their first release in two years, Fu-schnickens have again taken a sound and created something completely different.

Nervous Breakdown is a soulful journey into the world of hip hop music. It offers grooves and twists to basic bass beats and leads away from traditional single thumps and snares. But, background beats and unique samples are not what Fu-schnickens are about, their strength is in the lyrics and the speed freak way they present them.

Chip, Moc and Poc Fu met in high school in Brooklyn, N.Y. and released their first Jive/BMG record in 1992 entitled *F.U.-Don't Take It Personal.* After reaching gold in the U.S., Fu-schnickens took some time to help Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player for the Orlando Magic, with the release of his rap album.

The first single from the new album, *Breakdown* offers rap fans a groove that makes you dance along with unique rhymes that can make you smile.

Nervous Breakdown is just the second release by the Fu-schnickens, but this trio is one of the most interesting and soon to be most duplicated rap groups on the hip hop scene today.

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'Back to basics' art at Rodman Hall

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

"Bringing in the harvest of a significant generation" is how Barry Lord, guest curator of London Life Young Contemporaries 1993 described his experience of co-ordinating the works of 22 Canadian artists under the age of 30.

Lord delivered a lecture and slide presentation to a small crowd at Rodman Hall on Nov. 3.

He said 14 years of international experience as administrator of Lord Cultural Resources, Planning and Management, Ltd. preceded his invitation, by the London Gallery Museum, to conduct a survey of contemporary Canadian artists.

"Institutions are placing a lot of emphasis on multi-disciplinary creativity, issues of 'concept' and 'strategy' — so artists are encouraged to move away from drawing, technique, the basics," said Lord.

"Installation is the academic art of today, dealing with given, received ideas. It appears to be highly experimental, but in my opinion there is no probing in installation art."

'These are individual artists working very much in isolation' - Lord

Lord said the large scale figurative oil paintings of west coast artists Laurie Papou and Christopher Woods point toward "a return to figuration, depicting the human form in a landscape."

Woods' *Our Cakes and Pies are Simply Delicious* (1990) incorporates contemporary advertising jargon, subcultural dress codes, and the suburban setting of a supermarket parking lot.

"Woods is interested in documenting his generation, right down to the very last detail," said Lord.

Calgary artist Marianna Gartner is represented in this exhibition by three large-scale acrylic paintings. "Gartner starts with 1930s snapshots from West Germany, paints their subjects on a large scale, then relates the personae to animals," said Lord.

Waiting for the Devil (1991) shows three young children wearing constricting clothing, in a forced portrait pose. Coiled snakes rest above the children. "Gartner's paintings are simultaneously representational and abstract," said Lord. "They draw you into a story, though not a clear-cut narrative."

"A lot of vibes out there tend to isolate artists, suggesting that painting is not a viable art form and that the enterprise of drawing is not what an artist ought to be doing," said Lord. "The artists in this exhibition don't identify themselves as belonging to movements per se. These are individual artists working very much in isolation."

London Life Young Contemporaries 1993 is on display at Rodman Hall until Dec. 13. A National Exhibition Centre, Rodman Hall is at 109 St. Paul Cres., St. Catharines. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Good news for record collectors

Star Records brings groovy vinyl, good vibrations to Niagara

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

"Vinyl is back!" announces a flyer for Star Records.

Imagine a music store that doesn't peddle all the latest "New Country" fads. Envision it staffed by knowledgeable people who are open to requests. Add to this the opportunity for barter and consignment.

391 St. Paul St., St. Catharines, has been transformed into a sanctuary of rare records — a treasure trove of new, used, and collectible vinyl.

Star Records, open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., buys and sells records in good condition.

Will the shop sell compact discs?

"Never," says owner Paul Kobak, 39. "Just vinyl, and cassettes of what we can't get on vinyl."

"Turntable sales have gone up 60 per cent in the last year. CDs are going the way of the 8-track."

"Every Sunday I'm at a record show somewhere in Ontario, picking stock."

"If a record skips, it gets the green mark, meaning it's good enough for us to play, but not to sell," says assistant Dirk Welch, 36.

"I'm paying attention to what's being played on the radio, so we can get the singles in," says Welch. "Eight out of every 10 songs played on CFNY we have, and if it's something older you want, like the Cramps, we have that too."

"I haven't started formal advertising, so I'm just getting walk-by traffic," says Kobak. "My goal is to become interlinked with other dealers through computers."

Local bands are invited to sell their records and tapes at Star Records on a consignment basis.

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Kobak opened up his first record store in Hamilton 20 years ago. In 1977, he became Teenage Head's first manager. He opened a booking company, "Teen Agency," in 1979, and was involved in the production of such major concerts as 1978's "Canada Jam" and 1980's "Heatwave" in Mosport, Ont., and the "Police Picnic" in Oakville, Ont., in 1981.

Since then he has been "a jack of all trades." He took courses in computer programming in Toronto, and worked as a computer operator for an accounting firm. His enthusiasm for the art of dowsing led him to his elected post as president, Canadian Society of Dowsers.

Kobak is planning an event for next summer at Polonia Park in St. Catharines - a two-day record show with a beer tent and live entertainment.

"I've been telling dealers, and they're all enthused. It's going to be a very big event."

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Employment up for Allied Health Services students

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Health records, one part of Niagara College's Allied Health Services division, has two streams of study, said Sylvia Szabo, program co-ordinator.

Szabo said classes are offered in health training, biology, medical terminology, keyboarding, and computers.

The first semester is common for all program students, then the studies split after Christmas into two separate fields, said Szabo.

Medical transcriptionist is a one-year program with many opportunities in the field after graduation, said Szabo. Students take classes in transcript-dictated reports and learn to report on patients in any health care setting.

"Students have to be good at working with computers and listening to tapes,"said Szabo.

Students must also understand medical words when dealing with transcriptions. The students receive more hours on transcription, speed tests, and typing. They study background in drugs, tests, anatomy, and physiology, said Szabo.

The field of medical transcription can open many doors for students. Szabo said transcription graduates can find work in hospitals' record departments, in x-ray labs, walk-in-clinics and specialists' offices.

A new area of employment is opening in the U.S., where medical care is privatized.

"The transcriptionists can now work out of their homes," said Szabo. "That's great if they have kids."

Audio cassettes are sent to the home of the transcriber who is paid on a per-line basis. This can earn them lots of money if they are fast typists, said Szabo. "They're in business for themselves."

She said it is best for students to gain experience before going out on their own.

The second set is Health Records Technician, a three-semester program. The program, said Szabo, has some of the same classes as medical transcription. The students take keyboarding and computers, biology, medical terminology and a lot of health record science.

The health record science class covers numerous areas, including legal requirements for release of information. If accident records are subpoenaed by a court, a health record technician has to take them to the court, said Szabo. The student must know how and when to properly release forms.

"We encode health care information into numbers," said Szabo. "This is for government purposes. That's how stats can get information very accurately."

"We're going to see more jobs for technicians in the community rather than the hospital," said Szabo.

By the end of the course, students will be able to write a national program examination to certify them in the Canadian Health Records Association. With this, graduates can work anywhere in Canada or in any English-speaking country.

There are 27 students in health record technician and 17 students in medical transcription, said Szabo.

She said this is not a popular program because "no one knows what we do or what we are about. People only hear about it by word of mouth."

A whole new world of opportunity

By WILLIAM BECK
Staff Writer

The Cultural Homestay International (C.H.I) was developed in 1980 as a non-profit student exchange organization consisting of families that welcome foreign students into their homes.

Their head office is in Santa Rosa, Calif. The Canadian head office is in Vancouver, B.C. There are 32 C.H.I. organizations throughout the world.

Deborah Arsenault, academic program administrator for the Niagara Region, works out of her home in St. Catharines.

C.H.I. appoints and trains the administrators who work with the schools, enrol the students, locate host families and provide support to the exchange students.

The program was set up to promote peace between nations and understanding between different cultures, Arsenault said.

"Peace cannot be forced, only through understanding can we attain peace," she said, quoting Albert Einstein.

Arsenault joined the organization in April of this year. As well as taking care of her own family, she is also a lab technician.

The participants are mainly high school students ranging between the ages of 15 and 18. Both the student and family are screened carefully by C.H.I. to pair them up in an environment that will be comfortable for them both to live in.

The price for a student to come to Canada varies on the country they come from. The price range is usually between $8,000 and $14,000, said Arsenault. This covers their airfare, medical insurance, school expenses and homestay.

"We are working on a scholarship fund for next year, making the exchange open to more students. We can only benefit," said Arsenault.

Arsenault said they have had difficulty in finding homestays for the students.

"We need to get the word out to the community. Many host families have had great experiences and are willing to do it again," she said.

The exchange students are required to meet with Arsenault monthly and give a report on how they are doing. The only problem they are having is the cultural difference, said Arsenault. Other than that the success rate is high, she added.

Canada and the United States are the most popular for exchange students.

"The whole world wants to come to Canada," said Arsenault.

For information concerning the C.H.I. student exchange program, contact Deborah Arsenault at (905)-685-3332.

Candle-light vigil at Brock Dec.6

By JOHN SAKARS
Staff Writer

A remembrance service is being held at Brock University on Dec. 6, in honor of the 14 women who were shot at the Ecole Polytechnique in December 1989.

The service is being held by the Gender Issues Office of the Brock University Student Union and the Women's Studies program at Brock.

Leslie McMillan, the Gender Issues co-ordinator, said those who want to attend the service should meet at the base of the tower near the library doors at 11 a.m.

Everyone will then walk to the Trivial Recruit Room at the Student Union for the service.

McMillan said the service will begin with words by campus ministries, followed with words by Donna Christie, the public education co-ordinator for the Committee Against Rape and Sexual Assault (CARSA).

She said they will then hold a candle-lighting ceremony, where "each woman's name is said and a candle lit for her."

She said the women will remain after the ceremony and be encouraged to speak with members of CARSA, and the men will go to the Senate Chamber for a workshop.

This is the fifth year the remembrance service has been a long-planned event, the first being held as a memorial service, shortly after the women were murdered.

AIDS awareness

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

AIDS Niagara was back at the Welland campus promoting awareness.

A volunteer from the non-profit organization attended the Nov. 23 meeting of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) to announce that the agency's annual loonie drive would be held on Dec. 1.

Two booths were set up, one in front of the library and the other in the cafeteria. The booths were operated by volunteers from AIDS Niagara.

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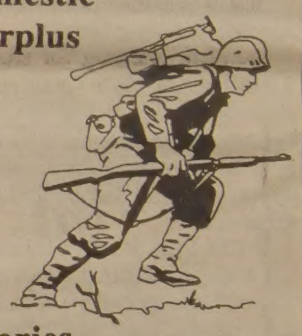

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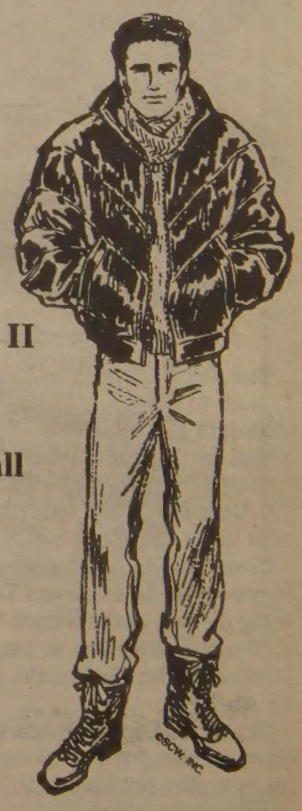

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New schools for Niagara

By MARK BROUWER
Staff Writer

Starting in January 1995, there will be organizational changes to the Ventures and Academic departments at Niagara College, creating three new schools.

The Business Division and Innovation Centre will join forces under Ventures to create the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

"I think the change is very appropriate," said Barbara Okanik, a business development officer at the Innovation Centre in St. Catharines. "We are better able to help (students) under the Business Division."

"We will be more accessible to each other now," said David Taylor, director of the new school.

"The ministry is encouraging us to put more emphasis on entrepreneurial activities, due to reduced funding from the ministry," said Taylor.

Taylor will now report to Dan Patterson, vice-president, Ventures.

The School of Lifelong Learning will improve and complement the Continuing Education and Advanced Studies programs under one banner.

Continuing Education will be moved to the academic division, which is a good idea, said Foster Zanutto, its director.

Zanutto said there is an opportunity for the college to make use of new methods of teaching and technology, including independent learning for students that are unable to attend regular college and innovative teaching methods such as electronic classrooms.

"Not only will it serve a community need, it will be financially lucrative for the college," he said, adding the move is an attempt to answer the question of whether the school can remain fully viable without relying on provincial grants.

"If colleges aren't creative in their programming, they could face serious financial and programming difficulties," said Zanutto.

Zanutto will work along side Nancy Cain, who directs the Advanced Studies program.

The Centre for Environmental Training and the Horticultural Centre will merge to form the School of Environment, Horticulture and Agri-Business. The school will attempt to foster growth in training opportunities in horticulture, environmental studies and a variety of agri-programs in the floriculture, wine and tender fruit industries.

The school will be under the direction of Jon Ogryzlo who, like Zanutto and Cain, will now report to David Schleich, Niagara's vice-president academic.

Also among the changes will be the partnership of International Education and Joint Ventures forming the new International and Joint Ventures Division.

George Repar will act as director.

Are you under the GUN?

By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

What to do before the test?

The exam time has come for many of us. Have you made any effort to get ready? There are several steps to follow in order to do well for the exams.

1) Manage review time

There are several benefits of the early reveiw.

This give time for the facts to roam around in your head. A lot of learning takes place when you are not "studying." Use short daily review sessions to prepare the way for major review sessions. One must be specific about your intentions to review from the beginning of the term. Working with a study group often generates new insights and questions.

Daily reviews

Do short daily reviews including the short pre and post-class reviews of lecture notes. Before doing new assignments, scan your notes and the sections that you underlined in the preview assignments.

This can be done anywhere like the bus stop or doing laundry.

There are two kinds of daily reviews: material you have just learned and the material that involves simple memorization (equations, formulas, dates, definitions).

Conduct the reviews several times throughout the day. Try to make it a point to do these on a regular daily basis. Begin to review the first day of class.

Weekly reviews

These reviews are usually conducted the week before the finals or other major exams. These help intergrate concepts and deepen the understanding of the material presented throughout the term. The review times ar usually longer, two to five hours at a time. Never forget to give yourself breaks in between.

Effectiveness of the studying begins to wear out after an hour.

After a certain point, short breaks every hour may not help anymore. Then it's time to quit. Everyone has their own limits.

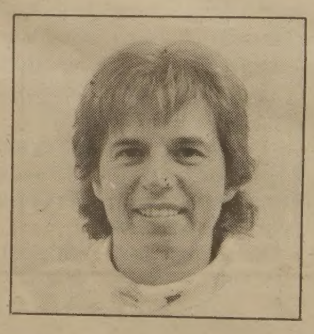
Learn what your limits are by being conscious of the quality of your concentration. Always do the most difficult subjects when you are the most alert — generally at the beginning of the session.

Study checklist

Make a list for each subject. List the reading assignments by chapters or page numbers. List the date of the lecture notes. Write down various types of problems you will need to solve. Include major ideas, definitions, theories, formulas and equations. Write other skills that need to be mastered.

A checklist is not a review sheet; it's a kind of to-do list.

Crime Stoppers gets new board



By HEATHER HODGSON
Law and Security Administration Co-ordinator

Your Niagara College Crime Stoppers Board for 1994-95 is in place.

Members are: Chair Ken Davidson, Vice Chair Adam Richards, Treasurer and Secretary Joe Plante, Fundraising Committee Chair Debbie Byng, Awards Committee Chair Paul Duarte, Publicity Committee Chair Anna Marroquin, Advisors Neil McGregor, Rick Demers, Jon Pilkington, Brett MacLeod and Co-ordinator Heather Hodgson.

Crime Stoppers' success relies on your support. You can become involved as a committee member, as a supporter of the upcoming fund-raising initiatives and as a responsible member of the college community, by providing anonymous information regarding the parties responsible for incidents at your college.

Common occurrences include thefts, vandalism or mischief, use of stolen or fraudulent parking passes, consuming alcohol in parking lots or other non-licensed areas of the college, etc.

These incidents impact on your environment, safety and the rising costs for college services. If you know of someone involved, drop your anonymous tip in the Crime Stoppers box at the Learning Resource Centres or call Niagara and District Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477. You may earn a cash reward. You will not have to reveal your identity. You will not be required to testify in court.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding personal safety or campus safety issues, drop them in the Crime Stoppers box.

If you have any information on any incidents at Niagara College, drop your tip in the Crime Stoppers box in the Learning Resource Centres or call Niagara Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, 1-800-AND-TIPS. You may earn a cash reward. You will not have to reveal your identity. You will not be required to testify in court.

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Hips and busts are in

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

Hips and busts are in and the waif look is out!

The glamor look is dominating the runways worldwide winning the approval of many.

When the boyish, almost anorexic-looking British model Kate Moss hit the runways, the past two years seemed to cater to boney, no figure, somewhat female looking model.

Wendy Milinkovich, owner of Secrets, a modelling agency in St. Catharines, said she is happy the waif look is out.

"I am glad to see it go. It was just a quick fad," she said.

Milinkovich, a former model, said the waif look was unrealistic. She said the most popular models like Cindy Crawford, Claudia Scheiffer and Linda Evangilista all have "good figures."

"Christy Brinkely (famous Cover-Girl model) reported once to weigh 130 pounds on a good day. Now that's a good healthy figure," Milinkovich said.

Nancy Croce, marketing director at Seaway Mall in Welland, said when she puts a fashion show together she makes sure to get different types of looks that represents "what is really out there."

"I try to make sure all the fashion shows we do here in the mall give customers an overall look at the lastest fashion trends for all shapes and sizes," she said.

Milinkovich said she looks for models with "nice skin" and good bone structure.

Even the height has changed in the past few years, she said.

"There is a strong petite market out there. You don't have to be five feet 10 inches to be a model."

Springheel Jack rocks the crowd at After Hours

Band Springheel Jack entertained the crowd at After Hours on Nov. 24. Guitar player on the right is second-year Journalism Print student Brent Laderoute.

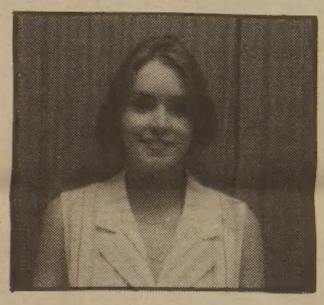
Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

Black cranks the sound to 11

After watching nine other bands before theirs, Band Black was still able to pump some energy into an already excited crowd.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

Life's irony hurts the innocent



By CHRISTINE RAWCLIFFE
Staff Writer

How does that old saying go? Bad luck strikes in threes?

"Of all the 130,000 people in St. Catharines, why does everything happen to us?" said Kim Jones, 20, a St. Catharines resident.

In the past year, Jones and her closest friends have experienced the loss of two friends. One, thanks to alleged murderer Paul Bernardo, and the other to cancer. Now Jones and her friends are waiting for information on a friend missing in British Columbia.

Anne-Marie Potton, 24, a friend of Jones', has been missing in British Columbia for four weeks. Optimism is no longer in Jones's vocabulary.

Why do these things seem to happen to good people? That is my question. Who can give me an answer?

What person has the right to jeopardize another person's life? Why does there have to be such a thing as terminal illness?

Fortunately, I have never experienced the loss of a family member or friend. Seeing others go through it is quite enough for me. As much as you think you are ready for the pain that life can sometimes bring, you are never prepared to deal with *loss after loss.*

Everyone has to die. That we know and have come to accept as a part of life. What I find hard to stomach is the manner in which some people die — unwillingly.

What person has the right to jeopardize another person's life and why does there have to be such a thing as terminal illness? Our daily lives are filled with enough turmoil and emotion. There is no room for this added despair.

Those of us blessed in not having experienced such tragedies should do all we can to help those who have.

Our strength is in each other.

Another drippy romance from Sheldon

By KAREN FREEMAN
Staff Writer

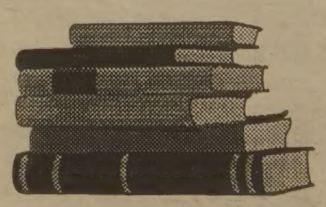
Three young woman doctors — their loves, their dreams, their unexpected destinies... Nothing Lasts Forever by Sidney Sheldon.

A novel, portraying the lives of three unique and beautiful women as doctors, takes the reader from one extreme to the next.

Dr. Paige Taylor, an intellegent, young, beautiful intern is charged with the murder of her patient. She calls it euthanasia while the district attorney (DA) bellows out murder when she inherits $1million from her patient.

From the fearsome depths of Africa where she grew up as a child, she's put to the test, working 36 hours, performing cardiac operations, and working the rounds of the hospital.

Taylor continues to conquer life as a doctor. From one traumatic victim to another, her skills tested. Every minute. Every second. She must think fast and act immediately without hesitation. Her aim is to succeed. Everything she worked for, all her hopes and dreams come crashing down around her. Will she survive or will she break like the rest?



Dr. Kat Hunter is an attractive black doctor who's fought her way to the top. She's been turned down by every medical school in the country except one.

An intern at Embarcadero County Hospital, Kat defies the odds against her as a black doctor. As the most intellegent woman doctor at the hospital, she slowly gains the respect she deserves from her patients and colleages.

She vowed never to get involved. Swore off men completely until she made a bet with the devil!

Dr. Honey Taft is considered an asset by the male doctors. Her sexual advances gain her the confidence and companionship she needs. Her ambition in life was to be a nurse, but her father didn't approve. She was to become a doctor, he said. "No one is a nurse in this family."

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Throughout the book each of the doctors' lives are told.

From start to finish the book is intensive. As you read you become encompased into the story at every angle.

All of Sheldon's books are riviting. It is impossible to put the books down. Each novel is unique. No two are the same. In this novel, the characters, being women, show strength and competition at every aspect in the medical profession, dominated extensively by men.

Sheldon has outdone himself again. His words draw you in page by page. You envision each character struggling to survive; to conqure the worst of the worst.

This book is worth buying! You will not be disappointed!

Students work abroad

By DEANNA FERBRACHE
Staff Writer

Are you secretly longing to break free from your dead-end job?

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Full and part-time students between the ages of 18 and 30 are eligible for SWAP. All travel arrangements are made through Travel CUTS/ Voyages Campus.

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First Lady of Country Music still having fun in the studio

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

The First Lady of Country Music is stretching her musical boundaries again.

First there was the 1992 international smash *Justified & Ancient*, recorded with KLF. Now on her new album *Without Walls*, Tammy Wynette performs duets with Sting, Elton John, Smokey Robinson, Cliff Richard, Aaron Neville and country stars Wynonna, Joe Diffie and Lyle Lovett.

In a telephone interview from her Nashville office, Wynette said she recorded the funk hit *Justified & Ancient* for the fun of it.

"It was something for fun. Just to break the monotony of what I'd been doing for so many years. Not for any other reason."

What started as fun turned out to be the biggest hit of Wynette's career. Having already amassed 39 top-10 hits, 20 No. 1 singles and 11 No. 1 albums, *Justified & Ancient* went on to reach No. 1 in 18 different countries, including Australia, Israel and Japan.

Without Walls was conceived as a way for Wynette to record with singers she admires.

"I had always admired Elton and all those guys," she said. "I had a lot of fun doing (the album). It was great."

Her duet with Elton John, *A Woman's Needs*, has already appeared on his *Duets* album. The single, written especially for Wynette by John and Bernie Taupin, has already topped the country music and pop charts.

But Wynette said she is not abandoning country music. "I'm not trying to be something that I'm not. I'm not wanting to go into another field of music. I'm not qualified to do that. I just wanted to do something for fun and I did."

Although the 1980s was a slow decade musically, the 1990s are shaping up to be one of her best decades. *Justified & Ancient* started 1992, Wynette's 26th year as a recording artist, with a bang and last year the hit album *Honky Tonk Angels*, recorded with fellow country legends Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn.

Laughing, Wynette said the studio sessions with Parton and Lynn were full of "naughty jokes, gossip and high times."

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh 52-years ago in Tornado Alley, Miss., she was raised by her mother's Baptist family. Her father, a sharecropper and part-time musician who had dreamed of being a singer died before Wynette's first birthday.

With Epic Records Billy Sherrill as her producer and co-writer on many songs, including her signature classic *Stand By Your Man*, she went on to become the first female country music singer to sell a million plus albums — thus earning the title First Lady.

One of those hits was 1975s *Dear Daughters*, an open letter to her daughters, Gwen, Jackie, Tina and Tamala. She said she missed a lot of time with them as they were growing up because of her touring schedule.

But she chooses not to have any regrets. "I just don't look back at those times and think in terms of 'Why didn't I do this' or 'Why didn't I do that.' I just do the best I can with the time I have. The quality time is more important than the quantity."

Problems with her daughters have been worked out and today she enjoys a good relationship with each.

"The girls and I are getting along great," she said with motherly-pride in her voice. "We don't have any problems at all. In fact, we're meeting for lunch today..."

Future plans include a 1995 AIDS benefit with John and a duet album with ex-husband and singing partner George Jones.

"I don't listen to anybody tell me 'Do this or do that about your style' or put me down because of who my friends are. It doesn't make any difference to me. I see them as my friends, whether they're gay, straight or whatever."

Whatever the future may hold, Wynette is not going to stop.

"I don't want people to forget me. I'm just happy to plug along."

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Little shopping horrors

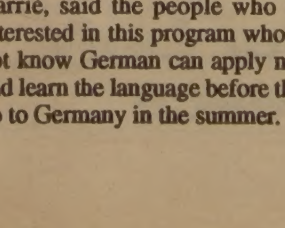
Christmas shopping wars

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

As the snow flies and Christmas draws near, people's thoughts turn to **shopping.**

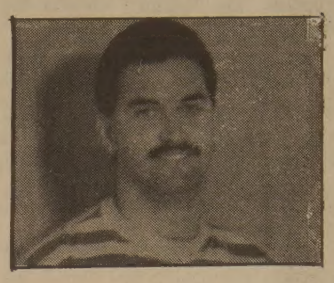
As a salesman in the retail environment, I have a number of concerns about the treatment salespeople are sure to receive during this less than joyous time of year.

The stores will fill with gifts, music and many helpful employees to wait for your beck and call. But the problem is with those customers who really don't like the Christmas season, whether it is because of lack of money or they have lost the spirit that Christmas represents.



Even if this is the case, there is no reason for the salespeople to get the brunt of their anguish.

Many of the salespeople are hired on a part-time basis, exclusively hired for the Christmas period. The sales received during December are massive and many of the sales staff are never really prepared for the eventual onslaught.



There some things that customers (that's you) must understand:

1. Salespeople are not hoarding 50 of each item for themselves.

2. The store may eventually run out of some things.

3. If there are only two items left at a good price, odds are they will not be there a week later when you decide to return.

4. Just because one store has a product does not mean that every store will have it.

5. Salespeople will not physically remove your money from your wallet. That is up to you.

6. When an item is sold out, the staff cannot get you just one more, no matter how much you are willing to pay.

7. Salespeople cannot give you a discount, even if you pay cash.

8. "That guy over there...", did not offer it to you cheaper.

9. If you don't know the manager's name, don't say you are best friends of theirs.

10. The salespeople can't go and whip one up for you.

11. Even if salespeople do know what the competition has it's not very likely that they are going to tell you. Especially if it's cheaper.

12. There is a difference between cost and quality.

13. There is no point buying something that the person wearing it doesn't like. Even if you have to look at it.

14. Adults and children like different styles. Bellbottoms and cords are not dress clothes.

15. Receipts are required in order to return items, also known as proof of purchase.

After being in the business for the past eight years, I have found that all of the following items are true and overlooked by customers.

The best way to understand the position of salespeople is to keep one thing in mind.

The average student working anywhere makes the same amount if not more than the average salesperson. Minimum wage doesn't go very far and some of us don't get a commission.

We don't care if you spend lots of money, we just like to help people. Despite the apparent good hours, except the two days off for Christmas, some enjoy meeting new people. So think twice before you dish out your abuse, we deserve better.

Woodstock 94' cleans up

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

I recently heard the cleanup of Woodstock '94 is finally done. Woodstock '94 was held in August.

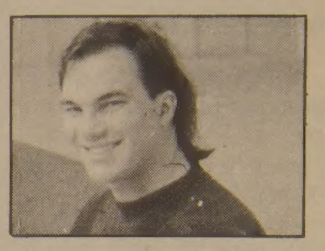
It took seven weeks and about $1 million to clean up the 1,300 tons of garbage left at what was supposed to be an environmentally-friendly event. The cleanup was originally planned to take one week at a cost of $800,000.

The massive amount of trash isn't surprising, considering there were more than 300,000 people eating take-out food for a weekend. What is surprising is the fact organizers say only two per cent of it is recyclable.

Two per cent! That doesn't sound very environmentally-friendly to me.

I was lucky enough to be at Woodstock '94 and it was a mess. If the organizers wanted to recycle, why didn't they supply us with the means to do it? I'm sure everybody would have done their part to keep the place clean, had they been given the chance.

On Sunday, the last day of the three-day festival, it was obvious there hadn't been any effort put into refuse removal and recycling. Thousands of cardboard pizza boxes, plastic pop bottles and styrofoam containers (really environmentally-friendly) had been piled into giant mounds of trash. And I do mean GIANT



mounds.

The 1,300 tons of garbage does not only include containers and food waste. It includes tents, clothes and anything else left behind by members of the Woodstock Nation.

It only goes to show the real reason for Woodstock '94 was to make a nice profit.

The Woodstock of '69 was held in a sense of brotherhood, in hopes of bringing people together and making the world a better place. This Woodstock was put together just for the hell of it.

When people went to Woodstock '69, they went hoping to make a difference. When people went to Woodstock '94, they went hoping to have a good party.

I really feel badly about the damage we did in Saugerties, N.Y., and wish I could have done more to keep the place clean.

The worst part is that when our children look at Woodstock '94 in 25 years, they won't envision people coming together in harmony.

They will see a brilliant marketing strategy that conned 300,000 people into spending a weekend in what became a garbage dump.

Exchange opportunity for students

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

There is an exchange program at Niagara College being offered to all second-year co-op students in business, engineering and tourism.

The exchange program is for students in Ontario and Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany.

The program is called Ontario Baden-Wurttemberg Student Exchange program.

It is necessary for the students from Ontario to understand the German language for them to participate.

The opportunity the exchange program brings to Ontario college students is to go to three schools in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany and give them a new experience.

"It is a tremendous opportunity for students with German-language skills," said Leo Tiberi, manager of co-operative education and career service. "The placements in Germany are with established companies."

Reiner Frish, program officer of the exchange program and a professor at Georgian College in Barrie, said the people who are interested in this program who do not know German can apply now and learn the language before they go to Germany in the summer.

Frish said last year they had about 20 Baden-Wurttemberg students and about five Ontario students last year in the program.

Frish said the Hospitality and Tourism students have a good opportunity to be involved in an "excellent program" that will give them a chance to learn the German language better and have an experience to remember.

For more information see the Co-operative Education and Career Services Department in the Tecumseh extension or contact Janet Forfar at Ext. 7787.

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Volunteers helping out at Sunset Haven

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Manoeuvring around crowded stores, fighting to see over shelves piled high with the season's bounty is a struggle.

Getting those perfect gifts for loved ones to the cash register, paying the harried cashier and finally lugging it all back home to be wrapped, is hard work for any able bodied shopper.

Now picture all this while using a wheelchair, walker or cane.

For seniors and the physically challenged, Christmas shopping can be the most difficult task of the year.

Fortunately, the 384 Sunset Haven residents in Welland have Lynda Haakman, 28, as their recreationist.

With her help organizing the activities department, and in coordination with Welland Handitrans bus service, seniors have the opportunity to shop bi-monthly at the Seaway Mall in Welland and Niagara Square in Niagara Falls.

Haakman said four seniors in wheelchairs and 12 others with walkers went to the mall on Monday, Nov. 28.

Olga Mazaris, 80, is busy knitting scarf and hat sets for the Christmas bazaar scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4. at Sunset Haven in Welland.

Photo by Sue Noble

"Volunteers are essential to our program. If they didn't come out and generously offer their help, we probably couldn't continue with so many activities," said Haakman.

Two volunteers help the seniors get organized and board the bus, then travel with them to the mall, she said.

Three other volunteers meet the bus at the mall. She said this is due to the lack of space in the Handitrans. There is limited space available on the bus so people are encouraged to sign up early.

She said the volunteers help push the wheelchairs through the stores, read the prices and handle the cash transactions for those who have problems doing it themselves.

"We are responsible for about 40 residents a month who like to shop on a regular basis and the numbers increase for Christmas shopping trips.

"This is the hardest time of year for some of our residents, they get the blues so our staff and volunteers have to be especially sensitive to their feelings.

"We have a gift, craft and tuck shop right at Sunset Haven, where most residents do their shopping.

Olga Mazaris, 80, originally from Greece said she loves to knit things to sell in the craft shop.

"I am so busy knitting matching hat and scarf sets for Christmas, I don't have time to go to the mall, so I do my shopping here," said Mazaris.

"Every year around this time different clothing stores bring in their merchandise for our people to buy and the price can be added to their bills.

"This helps the residents avoid impulse buying and many are on a fixed income. We help them budget their money so they can afford a new outfit or presents for loved ones once in a while.

"Family members can purchase items for their relatives on the premises. This is great for many of our seniors who can no longer brave the cold temperatures or deal with pushy crowds," said Haakman.

Erma Lendsay, 86, a six-year resident of Sunset Haven, said she likes to get out to the mall as often as possible.

"I love the benches all around the mall. If I get tired there's usually a bench just a few short steps away. That's very important to me," said Lendsay.

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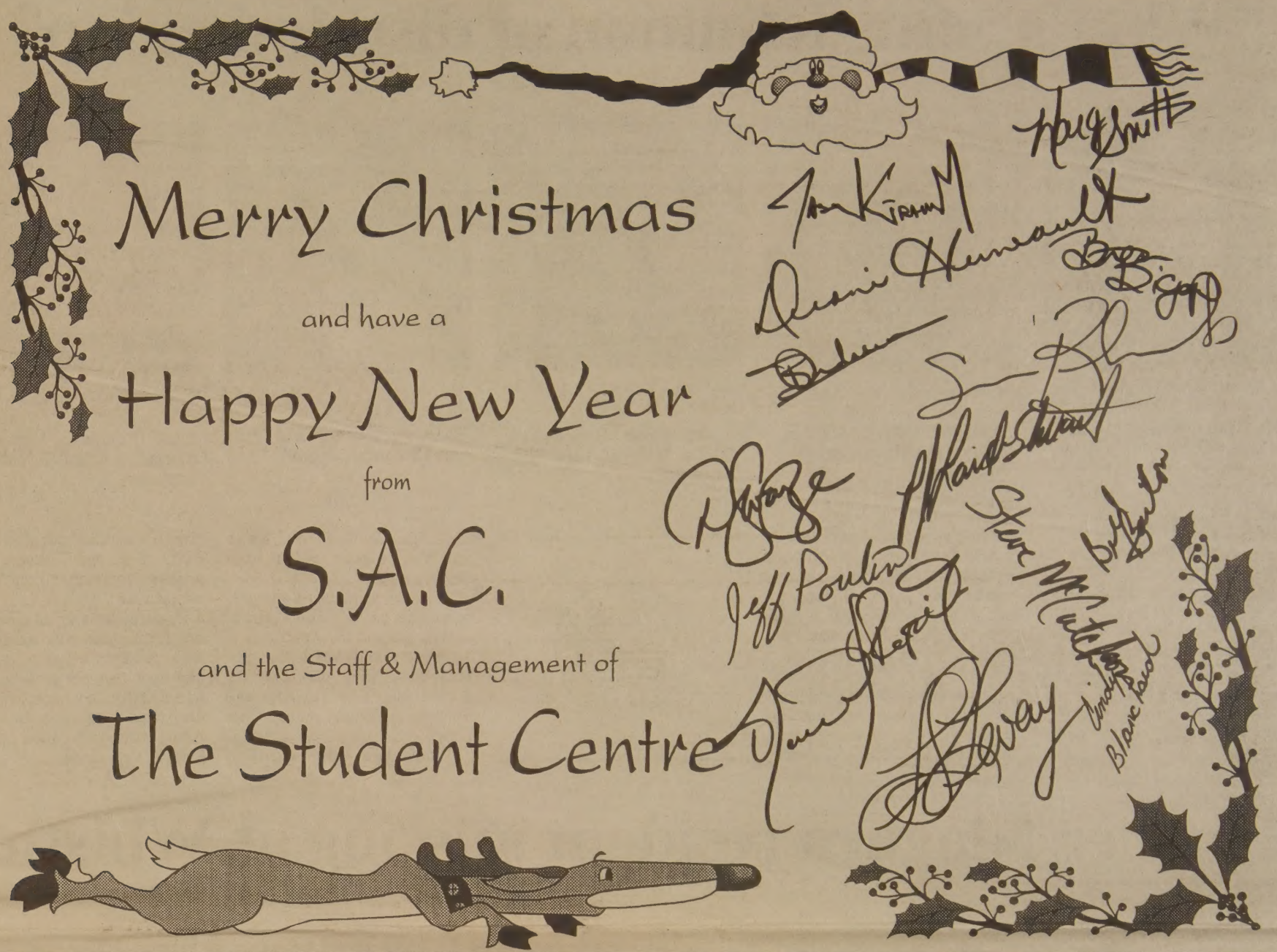

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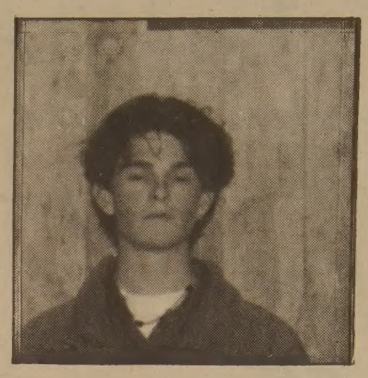

Blair McGrorty, Broadcast, Radio, Television and Film program

Tracy Nolan, Broadcast, Radio, Television and Film program

Cory Paczay, General Arts and Science program

Mike Thompson, Law and Security Administration program

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

What are your definitions of harassment and discrimination?

"Whatever makes you uncomfortable is harassment and discrimination is not giving people the opportunities that they are entitled to," said Chantalle Richard, 23, of Welland, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student.

"Touching with intentions of hurting someone is my definition of harassment. I don't think there is much discrimination at Niagara," said Blair McGrorty, 18, a first-year Television, Radio and Film program student from Hamilton.

"Any intentional physical or verbal abuse is harassment and I don't feel we have much discrimination at Niagara. After all, we are a multicultural school," said Tracy Nolan, 20, a first-year Television, Radio and Film program student from Niagara Falls.

"Constant aggravation and rude comments are my definition of harassment and discrimination is when you won't tolerate other people's views," said Cori Paczay, 20, a first-year General Arts and Science program student from Simcoe.

"Someone making decisions about a person because of their ethnicity or sex and it usually has a negative connotation, that's discrimination.

Harassment is agitating someone for no particular reason but because they're bigger or stronger they think they can get away with it," said Mike Thompson, 22, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student from St. Catharines.

Former Niagara resident missing at Whistler

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1994, Ann Marie Potton, formerly of St. Catharines was reported missing by her roommate Tanya Moore. They resided in Whistler, B.C.

The day Ann Marie was reported missing she was on Whistler Mountain. That day there were in excess of 1,300 people on the mountain at various times.

The gondola operator of the mountain said she did not remember seeing anyone of Ann Marie's description take the last gondola down at 5:30 p.m.

The next day the gondola was still operational and another 1,000 people made use of it. Several of Ann Marie's friends searched for her the following day in areas they thought she might be.

On Monday, the search and rescue team began to mobilize. By Tuesday a full search was under way and at times the number of volunteers exceeded 150 persons.

No clues were found.

On Oct. 26, 1994, Ann Marie's mother, father and sister went to British Columbia to discuss the search with the RCMP. The family went to the media and sent West Coast publications a copy of the poster providing Ann Marie's description.

Authorities say no one has ever gone missing on Whistler Mountain before and not been found.

MISSING

Ann Marie Potton, 24

5' 8" tall, 145 lbs

Last seen Saturday, October 8, 4:20 p.m.

Top of Whistler Mountain

Any information please call R.C.M.P.

604-932-3044

Corporal Little or Corporal Woodburn

FOR THOSE WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION TO AID IN THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OF ANN MARIE, PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE "ANN MARIE POTTON TRUST FUND." CHEQUES MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT OR MAILED TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE AT 11 KING STREET, P.O. BOX 940, ST. CATHARINES, L2R 6Z4 OR GIVE TO JAN POTTON, NIAGARA COLLEGE, S201F, EXT. 7604.

Design program training for diversity

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"Some people have the impression that all we do here is draw and paint," says Valerie Stacey, co-ordinator of Niagara College's Visual and Creative Arts Design program.

"We train students for the design field — a massive industry," she says.

The two-year course, taught in the Black Walnut building, has an annual enrolment of more than 100 students.

"The first year of the program is a foundation," says Stacey. "Students are taught the basics of color, drawing, typography and photo-mechanical reproduction."

Second-year students are assigned major projects, which prepare them for employment in various areas of the design and advertising industries.

Stacey teaches two and three Dimensional Design, which introduces students to the design process of creating packaging, point of purchase display and three-dimensional promotional material.

Instructor Tym Hrycusko helps to arrange students' hand-painted signs in a display for the Nov. 15 open house. "I only have 16 months to teach students how to paint and illustrate," said Hrycusko. "They have to learn the techniques, like airbrushing, before moving on to the computer applications of those skills."

Hrycusko stresses the importance of color theory in visual arts. "Color theory is a language applicable to any computer system, understood in any country," he said.

Instructor Ken Cosgrove teaches students the fine points of life drawing. "Ken's tough, it's a very tough course," says Zeek Ceko, 31, a second-year Visual Arts program student. "But if you've got a problem, he'll sit down with you, spend any amount of time with you, until you work it out. The man has so much knowledge."

Cosgrove points out a suite of rooms housing a mini-computer lab, and horizontal and flatbed cameras which are used to reproduce stencils for silkscreen printing.

Students are introduced to these tools of the trade by instructor John Thompson, who teaches photo-mechanical reproduction and computer applications.

A hallway in the Black Walnut building has been transformed into a showcase for student projects incorporating such techniques as gouache, cross-hatching, and silkscreen printing.

"It's good that the program is so diverse because of the way the economy is," says Hrycusko. "Growth wise and retention wise, I think we're doing well."